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THE
FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE Society celebrated its Fortieth Anniversary at the Musical Fund Hall, on Thursday evening, May 18th, 1848.

In the absence of the President, the Rev. Dr. Green, the chair was taken by the Rev. Dr. Mayer, and the exercises commenced by singing a hymn, after which the Chairman made an appropriate prayer.

The Rev. M. A. De Wolfe Howe then read an abstract of the Annual Report, giving a detailed account of the Society's proceedings for the past year, and its plans and prospects for the future.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter and Rev. Dr. Parker, who were expected to address the meeting, being unavoidably absent, the Rev. John Chambers made a short but spirited address, and was followed by Rev. Louis Bridel, of Paris, who spoke in an animated manner, in the French language, which was interpreted by the Rev. Dr. Baird, giving an interesting account of the present prospects for the wide diffusion of the Word of God throughout France.

The Rev. Alexander King, of Dublin, presented the resolution recently adopted by the Board of Managers: Resolved—That

it is the duty of this Society and of the friends of the cause in the State of Pennsylvania, to direct their efforts to the diffusion of the Sacred Scriptures among the destitute in foreign lands as well as those in our own State. This resolution he sustained in an impressive and forcible speech, which was listened to with unusual interest.

After singing the Christian Doxology, the exercises were concluded with the benediction by the Rev. Dr. Mayer.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

It is with no ordinary feelings, that we again appear before the Society to present our Annual Report, embracing an account of our proceedings the past year.

Forty years ago, there did not exist a single institution in the whole country for supplying the destitute with the Sacred Scriptures.

In December, 1808, a few friends of the Bible met in Philadelphia and laid the foundation of the first Bible Society in our country.—This institution, partially modified, still exists, and its influence is felt in every part of the State. Nearly forty years has this Society been engaged in efforts to give the word of life to those destitute of it; during the whole of which time, we believe the great Author of the Bible has smiled upon our humble exertions, and crowned them with success.

Of the original founders of this Society, five only survive—viz.: the Rev. Drs. Green,* Mayer, Alexander, Janeway, and Helfenstine. The two former, are still connected with the Board; a kind Providence having spared them thus long, to witness the remarkable success of the Bible cause, which they were among the first in this country to espouse, and the influence of which is felt in almost every part of the world.

During the first five years of its existence, there were circulated, seven thousand two hundred and forty-five copies of the

* Since deceased.

Scriptures. Since then, there has been a gradual increase, till the annual circulation exceeds sixty thousand copies.

It has been estimated, by those presumed to be familiar with statistics in relation to the early circulation of the Sacred Scriptures, that during a period of about three hundred years preceding the era of Bible Societies, there were printed, only about three millions of Bibles. Since that time, however, during a space of only forty-four years, there have been sent forth to the world more than thirty millions of Bibles and Testaments. These have been published in almost every language, and sent to nearly every part of the world, so that we hope ere long the Scriptures may be so diffused, that every man may read "in his own tongue wherein he was born, the wonderful works of God." These facts furnish powerful evidence of the efficacy and value of such institutions.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

The agent for this part of the State was appointed after the last annual meeting, and entered upon his duties in the month of July; since which time nearly every county in the eastern field has been visited.

During the past year the work has been vigorously prosecuted: a few new auxiliary societies have been organized, which bid fair to be efficient co-workers in the Bible cause, and some, which had become languid in the work, have been resuscitated and entered into the cause with renewed energy and zeal.

In several counties, the friends of the cause have been actively engaged in exploring and supplying the destitute within their bounds, and thousands of copies of the sacred word have been circulated, and hundreds who were living without the blessed volume, have, by this instrumentality, been put in possession of it.

The cause of the Bible Society was never in a more prosperous condition than at present. And with an increase of activity and zeal in the work, we may anticipate far greater results.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

From this portion of our state Mr. Aikin writes as follows: "The past year has been one of continued prosperity in the Bible cause throughout the field assigned me. The work of re-supply has been prosecuted with vigour. The counties of Erie, Mercer, Potter, M'Kean, Indiana, Butler, Beaver, Clearfield, Washington, Allegheny, and Westmoreland, together with Allegheny City and Pittsburg have been explored in whole or in part, through Bible distributors, and those families destitute of the sacred Scriptures have been supplied. For a detailed statement of the operations in the above-named counties, I refer to the items about to be published in the Annual Report, under the head of Extracts from Auxiliaries. There have been circulated, during the biblical year now closed, in Western Pennsylvania, 9137 copies of the Bible, and 21,458 copies of the New Testament, making an aggregate of volumes circulated, 30,595. The amount of money collected from all sources from this field has been \$10,275 23. Of this sum \$1358 30, was paid to the American Bible Society. Thirty new names have been added to our list of life members. While the cause is advancing west of the mountains, and there is an increasing interest felt by most of our auxiliaries in reference to the importance of unceasing efforts to keep well supplied our home population, there is a feeling quite prevalent that something should be done to aid in giving the Bible to the destitute in other lands. And I am pleased to learn that this subject is now before the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Bible Society. I hope they will resolve to give liberally for this purpose the coming year, as well as to go on with their home distribution. If they do this, and call upon their auxiliaries and friends to furnish them the means of giving the Bible to the heathen, I am well convinced Western Pennsylvania will respond to the call. The increasing demand for the Sacred Scriptures from every part of the world, seems to speak to Bible Societies in language not to be misunderstood, to enlarge their efforts. God grant that Pennsylvania may devise liberal

things in giving the Bible to the perishing the coming year, and may many rise up from other lands, as well as from our own state, and call the Bible Society "blessed," for having communicated to them the Bread of life.

J. J. AIKIN,
Agent Pennsylvania Bible Society.

BOOKS ISSUED FROM OUR DEPOSITORY.

During the year just closed, there have been sent from the Depository, sixty-four thousand three hundred and eighty-four copies of the Sacred Scriptures; of these, twenty-two thousand six hundred and twenty-six were Bibles, and forty-one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight were Testaments, embracing, English, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Welsh, Swedish, Danish, and Hebrew languages.

These issues show an increase over those of last year, of nine thousand and eight Bibles and Testaments.

AMOUNT OF DESTITUTION.

It is a matter of surprise to those who appreciate the value of the Bible, that so many families and individuals are without it. But though a melancholy truth, such is the fact. Those who examine the reports from our auxiliaries will see enough, to satisfy them that multitudes are living without the word of life in our own state. By the systematic efforts adopted in many counties through Bible distributors, who visit *every* family, we have authentic information as to the destitution; and this destitution is found where the distribution has been going on for years. To meet the increasing wants both at home and abroad, we are called upon by philanthropy as well as by religion to endeavour to place the Bible in the hands of every family, not only in our own state and country, but throughout the world.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

These now exist in most of the counties throughout the state, and render important service to the Bible cause. While the Board of Managers are happy to state, that the great ma-

jority of these auxiliary societies are in active operation and doing well; they are called upon to regret that a few appear to be growing indifferent to the cause. To such we would affectionately present the numerous instances of destitution which doubtless exist within their bounds, as a motive for renewed zeal in a cause so conducive to the best interests of man and the glory of God. We would earnestly entreat them, as they love and appreciate the Bible themselves; as they would shrink from the thought of their own children and families being reared without a knowledge of its truths; as they desire the welfare of men, their eternal salvation, and the glory of the great Author of this blessed book; to renew their exertions to give it to every family around them;—when this is done, then to use their efforts to furnish it to other destitute places.

The Managers feel, and we wish all could feel, that in the Bible cause there is no stopping-place; the work must be onward and onward, until the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

As societies have for some time existed in almost every section of the state, the formation of new auxiliaries is consequently not so numerous as formerly.

There have been added to our list during the past year the following:—Wayne County, New Berlin Female Bible Society, Bloomsburg, Carbondale, and Manchester.

IMPORTANCE OF SMALL ORGANIZATIONS.

We would here call the special attention of the friends of the Bible to the importance of forming smaller Bible Societies in various parts of every county, either as auxiliary to the County Society, (where one exists,) or directly auxiliary to the Parent Institution. It is believed much good could be accomplished and the cause efficiently advanced, if every town in the several counties, as well as every church in country places, would cordially unite, and form local Bible Associations.

It is impossible for our agents to visit every town and church in their respective fields of labour; the consequence is, that many never contribute any thing to this cause, who would gladly do so if an opportunity offered.

FOREIGN DISTRIBUTION.

Occupying as we do, the position of a State Society, we felt it incumbent upon us to listen to the claims of the destitute within the limits of this state, and direct our efforts principally to their supply. But the question will naturally arise in many minds, ought the Pennsylvania Bible Society to confine its efforts to our home population? Is it not our duty, after having done so much for those around us, to endeavour to do something for those who are groping their way in the darkness of paganism and superstition, and on whom the light which emanates from the word of God never shone?

These are questions which have presented themselves to the minds of the Managers with peculiar force; and in the last circular letter sent to our auxiliaries, we presented the subject for their consideration, and desired to know what assistance we might expect from them in any efforts to accomplish this object.

The Board have carefully weighed the matter, and at a recent meeting the following resolution was adopted:—"Resolved, That it is the duty of this Society, and of the friends of the cause in the State of Pennsylvania, to direct their efforts to the diffusion of the Sacred Scriptures among the destitute in foreign lands, as well as among those in our own state." To carry out the above resolution, the Society looks to its auxiliaries, to Christians of every denomination, and to all who desire the Bible sent to heathen lands, for the necessary means to effect this great design. We trust this resolution will not prove a dead letter on our minutes and in our report; but that every friend of the Bible in the state will feel that duty prompts him to aid in this enterprise.

A darkness, of which we can form no adequate conception, broods over the minds of millions. God has given us the "lamp

of life," and we may not withhold its light from those who are in utter darkness.

The supply must be kept up at home; our work here must not cease; the thousands famishing at our very doors must not be neglected; but let us with greater zeal and increased activity extend our benevolence to the multitudes groaning under the iron yoke of idolatry and superstition. The Christian community of Pennsylvania can do much for the foreign field, without neglecting the destitute at home.

GERMAN AGENCY.

In the Report for 1846, the Managers stated, they should never feel that their whole duty was done to Pennsylvania, until a system of agency was established which included the German Churches of the commonwealth. They are scattered over almost every part of the state, and in some counties compose a large portion of the population.

The peculiarity of their position, arising from the difference of language, has too long prevented them from engaging in the benevolent enterprises of the present day, simply because the operations of these institutions have not been brought to their knowledge. Many of them are wealthy, able, and willing to contribute to the spread of divine truth; but hitherto this Society has had no agent who could properly present to them the claims of the Bible cause. They love the noble language of the land of their forefathers, and cling to it with the strongest tenacity; hence the claims of benevolence should be presented to them in their native tongue. It has therefore long been the desire of the Managers to secure the services of an agent who could properly represent the claims of the Bible Society to the German Churches.

We are now happy to announce that our wish is attained. The Rev. Henry Aurand has been appointed to this agency, whose field of labour will be principally among the German population inhabiting the middle and eastern sections of the state. He speaks the language fluently; and to our German brethren we heartily commend Mr. Aurand and his labours, trusting that this effort of the Board to present the claims of

the Bible cause to this large class of the community, will meet with a hearty response.

LEGACIES.

We have received during the past year, the sum of two hundred dollars, a legacy, by Mrs. Eliza Stevens, of Clinton County.

The late Mr. Samuel Harvey, of Germantown, a devoted friend of the Bible cause, an eminent Christian, and one of the early Managers of this Society, has left a legacy of one thousand dollars to this institution.

The Board are always happy to record such acts of beneficence, as they show the firm attachment of the faithful Christian to this glorious cause.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Thirty-three persons have been made life members of this Society during the past year, and it is gratifying that the increase has been considerable over former years, in the number thus connected with our institution.

FUNDS.

The receipts into the treasury during the last year amount to \$21,249 48—being an increase over the previous year of \$6,312 54. This increase of funds has enabled us to extend our labours; and in our contemplated effort of extending our circulation beyond the limits of this state, we indulge the hope that much larger contributions will be made to our treasury, for the purpose of enabling us to accomplish an object so desirable.

CONCLUSION.

We believe the past history of our Society has been marked with the peculiar approbation of the Almighty. Called in His Providence to be the pioneers in this holy cause in our own country, He sustained us amid trials and discouragements, and in our weakness, He was our strength.

We cannot look back upon the past without feelings of devout gratitude to God, and exclaiming, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

To the friends and lovers of the Bible in Pennsylvania we have ever appealed to sustain us in our efforts, and have not appealed in vain. We look to them for the future also to aid us in our enlarged plans. If the work was great and important in the beginning, it has lost none of its magnitude by the lapse of years. If the ignorant and deluded are to be enlightened—if the idolatry of the heathen is to be abolished—if the wickedness of man is to be subdued, it must be accomplished through the influence of the truths in this book, which it is our peculiar province to disseminate.

The Bible cause is the cause of God;—and we close our report with an earnest appeal to those who live under the influence, and enjoy the blessings of the Bible, to arouse themselves, and never cease their exertions till its sacred influence is felt in every part of the world, and till every man shall read “in his own tongue, the wonderful works of God.”

Death of the Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D.

The fatal event which deprives the Society of its venerable President, occurred on the 19th May. At the advanced age of 86 years, the Rev. Dr. Ashbel Green departed from this world. In common with the Christian community at large, we mourn the loss of an eminent servant of God, whose example has ever served as a motive to enterprise and action, in the blessed work of diffusing the Sacred Scriptures among our fellow-men.

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Bible Society was held on Monday morning, May 22, to testify their respect to the memory of their late President, and the following minute was directed to be made:—

Resolved, That the removal from this world of a man so distinguished as the late President of the Society, for many and great excellencies, demands of the Board of Managers an expression of their feelings, under this dispensation of an all-wise Providence.

Endowed with moral qualities of a high order, and possessing unusual vigour and lofty enterprise, Dr. Green was emi-

nently useful in giving tone and character to public sentiment, at a time when the influence of such a mind was most needed and most potent.

Emerging, as our country then was, from the condition of colonies to one of national independence, when society was in its forming state, it was a good Providence that brought forward men who had partaken in the struggles of the Revolution, and who by their talents, learning, and sterling virtues, were able to give the impress of their own minds to our social institutions. Among these Dr. Green was eminent, and his efforts in the cause of humanity were crowned with the success which usually attends plans laid in wisdom and prosecuted with vigour, and which are sustained by the confidence of the community in the men who are engaged in executing them.

One of the best and most fruitful of good, of the institutions which arose in the early years of the present century, and which must constitute one of its distinguishing features, was the BIBLE SOCIETY.

It had existed but a very few years in Great Britain, and was still an experiment, doubtful save to the Christian in the exercise of faith in the God of the Bible, when Dr. Green summoned a few men of wisdom and piety to lay the project before them.

At the request of these gentlemen, he prepared an address to the people of the United States, and the result was the establishment of a Society which diffused its influence throughout our whole country. Future years have witnessed this influence in the existence of similar Societies in every State of the Union, and the concentration of the whole in a National Society, whose vast and increasing operations gladden the heart of the Christian, while they give confidence to the patriot in the stability of our political institutions.

As an officer of the Society, he was always active and attentive, until prevented by the infirmities of age from attending the meetings of the Managers; and, indeed, during several years, he was punctual at his post of duty, when men of feebler power and less active zeal, would have excused themselves from services which required no little effort.

From the year 1836, when he succeeded the revered Bishop

White, he held the office of President of the Society, until the Almighty has been pleased to remove a great and good man, as we doubt not, from earth to heaven.

We trust that the same spirit which incited him to originate this Society, will inspire others, with a like desire for the good of man and the glory of God, to labour in diffusing the light of revelation throughout our community, and the world.

Resolved, That the Officers and Managers proceed to attend the funeral of their late President, the Rev. Dr. Ashbel Green.

P. F. MAYER, President pro. tem.

JOSEPH H. DULLES, Secretary.

ASHBEL GREEN, D. D., LL.D., was born at Hanover, N. J., in 1762. He graduated at Princeton in 1783, and received at the time of his graduation the double distinction of the first honour for scholarship, and the valedictory.

In the same year, 1783, he was appointed a tutor in the College. This office he held two years. In 1785 he was appointed Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, which chair he continued to fill until 1787. In that year he was called to be the associate of the Rev. Dr. Sproat in the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. Dr. Sproat died of the yellow fever in 1793.

During a period of twenty-five years, from 1787 to 1812, Dr. Green occupied this station with great esteem as a pastor. He was then in the vigour of his days, and was greatly distinguished for his pulpit eloquence.

In consequence of the great celebrity which he had acquired, the Trustees of the College of New Jersey in 1812 elected him to the Presidency of that institution. He accepted the office and continued to discharge its duties with distinguished ability for a period of eleven years.

In 1823, being now over sixty years of age, he resigned the Presidency of the College, and returned to Philadelphia, where he has resided ever since.

While pastor of the 2d Church, Congress, then sitting in Philadelphia, invited him and the late Bishop White, to officiate

as Chaplains. Dr. Green was Chaplain to Congress during the whole time that its sessions were held here. During the whole of that time, also, it was General Washington's habit, while residing in Philadelphia, to invite him to dine with him regularly once every week.

While President of the College, he with a few others originated that noble institution, the Theological Seminary at Princeton, the original plan of which was drawn up by him, and he was to the time of his death the President of its Board of Directors.

He is buried in the old grave-yard at Princeton, where all the former Presidents of the College now lie—Dickinson, Burr, Edwards, Witherspoon, Smith, Green—an illustrious file of great and good men.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES.

ADAMS COUNTY.

"The Bible Society of Pa. College and Theo. Seminary," in accordance with a design formed about one year ago, in conjunction with the 'Female Bible Society of Gettysburg,' to re-supply the county of Adams with the Word of God, has commenced and prosecuted the work with a considerable degree of success. Seven townships have been thoroughly explored by an agent employed by the latter Society; and the results of the operations of the former, are as follows:

"An agent of the Society, during parts of September and October of last year, visited Tyrone, Menallen, and Reading townships. Out of 778 families upon which he called, he found 77 destitute of the Scriptures, who were supplied. He sold and distributed, in all, 13 German, and 136 English Bibles, and 5 German and 144 English Testaments. Another agent, who was employed about the same time, reports, that in Hamilton, Berwick, and Mt. Pleasant townships, he visited 386 families, 28 of which he found destitute. To these he sold 46 Bibles and 51 Testaments, and granted 2 Bibles and 1 Testament.

"A part of the county has not yet been visited, which it is the intention of the Society to have explored in a short time.

"During the past year, the following gentlemen have been constituted life members of the Parent Society, by the payment of \$120—viz., Profs. M. Jacobs, M. L. Stoever, and W. M. Reynolds of the College, and Prof. C. A. Hay of the Theological Seminary.

"The Annual Address, was delivered on the 17th of February, by Prof. J. Few Smith of Auburn Theological Seminary, on 'The silent influence of the Bible.'

"The Society heartily approves of the proposal of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, to unite in extending the blessings of the Gospel to the heathen, and will most cordially co-operate in its accomplishment.

"Prof. Stoever has been appointed a delegate to represent the Society at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, in May next.

"The Treasurer reports that he has received and expended during the year, \$120.

"Board of Officers:—President, Prof. M. L. Stoever; Vice Presidents, P. Sheeder, P. Raby, A. W. Lilly; Rec. Sec., J. H. Heck; Cor. Sec., J. Geo. Butler; Treas., P. Born.

Female Bible Society of Gettysburg.—"The Executive Committee to whom the business of the Society is entrusted, report, that they have visited many families, and are happy to state, that in a population from 2,000 to

2,200, they found but few families destitute of the Bible. They also collected for the cause, the sum of \$63 61. The agent of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, urged upon us the duty of re-supplying the County with Bibles, as he thought it not only important, but really necessary. This we feared was too great an undertaking for us, and therefore, did not obligate ourselves to do it. But a young man having offered himself for this work, we agreed to employ him for two months. He commenced this work, April, 1847, and during the time he was employed by us, visited the families in about half of the county, and we are pleased to state, succeeded far beyond our expectations. He reports as follows :

“I have explored several of the townships of the county—viz., Straban, Hamilton, Franklin, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Latimore, and New Oxford. I was treated very kindly by the people generally, much more so than I expected to be, when I started. It was thought by some people, that I would offend many by inquiring whether they needed a Bible ; but those who took offence at such inquiries, were very few, perhaps, not more than one out of every hundred.

“As I was about leaving them, I found some very dark corners in the county : some of the people thought my business was a money-making one, or it would not be followed. I was pleased to find the destitute families generally very anxious to obtain a copy of God's Word. Many paid the full price for one, others part of it, and some gave the last cent they had in the house for a Bible, thus showing they were really anxious to have one ; and we may cherish the hope that they will make a good use of it. I sold Bibles to several Roman Catholics who live at a distance from the priests. Many Catholics asked me if I carried the Douay Bible, that they wanted one ; but a Protestant Bible they would not have, even if given ~~to~~ them. The destitution I met with, astonished many persons. In some small neighbourhoods, only two out of six had the Bible ; in other settlements, only *half* of the people were supplied ; one woman told me they could read, and had been married *thirty* years, and never had a Bible. Some told me they had been married for six, others eight, and some twenty years, and never had a Bible. This may sound strange in the ears of many of the friends of the Bible cause, as this is the third time that Adams county has been explored. But on inquiry, I generally found that those families without the blessed volume, had come into the county since it was last visited. I have reason to think, from the anxiety manifested for Bibles by the destitute, that many would have supplied themselves if an opportunity had offered ; while some I feel assured, were too poor to buy a Bible.

“The number of families I visited, during the time I was employed by your Society, is 1253, of whom 426 were destitute of the Bible ; of these 403 were Protestants, and 23 Catholics ; I supplied nearly all the destitute. A few of this number told me they were about getting a family Bible. I collected \$73 35, which I paid over to your Treasurer. The number of Bibles I distributed, is 113, and 150 Testaments.

“Our Treasurer reports that she has received what was collected in the									
Borough,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$63 61
And for Bibles and Testaments sold,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 90
From our distributor from sale of Bibles,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98 61
Donations collected by him,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73 35

Making the sum of									<u>\$239 47</u>
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Paid to our Agent for services and expenses,	\$52 20								
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Paid Pennsylvania Bible Society through their									
Agent, Rev. S. N. Howell,	100 00	—							<u>\$154 45</u>

Balance on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>\$85 02</u>
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“The Young Men’s Bible Society of Pennsylvania College, having made us an offer to supply the remainder of the county with Bibles if we would assist them, we agreed to furnish them with Bibles for this purpose. This we suppose, will require most of the funds we have on hand, and if any remain after this is done, we will remit it to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, to which we are auxiliary, to assist them in sending Bibles to the destitute in other places.”

ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

This county is now being supplied through a Bible distributor. Several townships have been visited, and quite a large destitution is found to exist. In one township 47 families were without the Bible, of which 43 were supplied. This county was explored in 1843, and yet we find much to be done in the present effort. We have an efficient distributor in this field, and no doubt will be able to report the county as thoroughly explored and supplied the coming season. We have received the past year for books sold, and as donations in all of the county, \$598 63.

Allegheny Bible Society.—“At the recent Anniversary of this Society, it was stated in the report, that during the past year \$992 22 had been raised for the objects of the Association; being \$73 96 more than had been secured for the previous seven years of the Society’s existence.

“The Librarian, Alex. Semple, Esq., sold within the year 489 Bibles and 1593 Testaments; and gave away 39 Bibles, and 23 Testaments.

“Mr. Stephenson has been appointed Bible Agent for Allegheny City, who has distributed in a few weeks 427 Bibles and Testaments, for which he received \$140—in addition he received \$121 in subscriptions.

“The following is a list of the officers of the Society for the ensuing year: Rev. A. W. Black, President; Thos. F. Dale, M. D., and Henry

Hannen, M. D., Vice-Presidents; John Mitchell, Recording Secretary; John Irwin, jr., Corresponding Secretary; Wm. M. Bell, Treasurer; Alex. Semple, Librarian; John Chambers, Robt. Johnson, R. Dunlap, Samuel Herron, Robt. Wallace, J. Scott, J. M'Grew, James Schoonmaker, T. H. Nevin, H. G. Patton, Wm. Miller, James W. Kennedy, H. Williams, R. Davis, Richard Danvers, and W. Higgonbotham, Managers.

"It is very gratifying to observe that this Society has embarked in good earnest in the noble work for which they were organized, and we have every reason to expect, the blessing of the Divine Author of the Scriptures to crown their labours."

Young Men's Bible Society of Pittsburg.—"This Society celebrated its 30th Anniversary in the Cumberland Presbyterian church on Monday evening, the 29th November, 1847.

"The annual reports were read, after which excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Aikin, agent of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, and Rev. N. West.

"The Rev. Messrs. West and Bryan were made life directors of the Society, by the voluntary contributions of their friends present, amounting to \$40 00.

"Another gentleman subscribed \$10 00 to become a life member.

"A new Board of Managers was elected in which twenty-one churches and eleven denominations are represented.

"The Society call the attention of the public to the following Report: Whilst Protestants agree to differ upon some points, they are of one mind as to the duty and obligations resting upon them, of supplying with the Bible, so far as in their power, those who have it not. Your Board of Managers, composed of members representing 12 different denominations, have been harmoniously engaged during the past year, in endeavouring to fulfil the object of their appointment.

"The Librarian reports a disposition by sale and donation, of 2260 volumes, realizing from sales the amount of \$161 51.

"For some years past, the managers of this Society have been in the habit of appointing committees quarterly, for the purpose of supplying each steamboat leaving our wharf (that might be without) with a copy of the Bible. Mr. Cuthbert (at his own request) has been permitted by the committee to discharge this duty for the last 29 months. Mr. Cuthbert reports having supplied 125 steamboats with Bibles, and distributed to deck hands and cabin boys and immigrant passengers, 380 Testaments. Fruit from the bread of life, thus cast upon the waters, we trust, and have a right to believe, will be gathered after many days.

"Article 3d of the constitution, and 8th of the by-laws, indicate the sources from whence means are to be derived to carry on the work in hand. According to the article of the constitution referred to, every person contributing annually to the funds of the Society, shall be a member, and every person contributing at one time \$10, shall be a life member, and \$20 shall be a life director. The by-laws look to the collection of funds in the dif-

ferent churches represented in the Board, and from the members of the same, by the personal efforts of the managers. As we have but very seldom the pleasure of adding to the present exceedingly limited number of life members, or life directors, the revenue of your Board depends upon the number and liberality of annual contributions and church collections.

“From these sources you will find by reference to the Treasurer’s Report, that the sum of \$575 13 had been placed in the Treasury, exceeding the amount of last year \$78 57.

“From the constitutional mode devised for providing funds, year after year, it is manifest that the amount collected will depend, first, upon the proper composition of the Board of Managers. If the managers are efficient, not only believers of the Bible themselves, but ardently desiring that all others may possess it, in order to believe; delighting in the work, deeming it a pleasure as well as a duty, to work for God, in endeavouring to promote the present and eternal welfare of their fellow-beings, the Young Men’s Bible Society of Pittsburg must and will prosper beyond all doubt. For He that would not have one sinner die, will bless and crown their efforts with success. The pastors of the different churches can very materially assist the society in the selection of ‘good men and true,’ for they of all others are best acquainted with the reliable persons in the membership of their churches.

“In the second place, the amount collected will depend upon the liberality of our churches and fellow-citizens. And surely the Bible cause—the salvation of deathless spirits,—the deplorable poverty of those who know not that to them, as well as to us, ‘a child is born, a Saviour given,’ will awaken and keep awake, a fellow feeling in the bosom of every lover of his race, and secure the necessary means to furnish them the truth as it is in Jesus Christ.

“In surrendering the trust committed to our care, we can but express our regret that the duty enjoined has not been more faithfully discharged. Hoping that the Board to succeed us may be composed of working material ready and willing to cultivate the vineyard of their Lord, exciting a greater interest in the community in behalf of the society.”

An Extract from the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Young Ladies’ Bible Society of Pittsburg and vicinity for 1847.—“Since 1846 we have given out 13 Bibles for distribution; part of them were sold, and the remainder given away. In collecting, the managers are required to see if there are any persons destitute of the Scriptures in their wards, and supply them if they will receive them.

“In March it was Resolved, That 50 copies of our Constitution be printed for the managers to distribute in their wards when collecting.

“In August a committee of three was appointed to procure a map of the city, and divide it into districts of more convenient size, as much diffi-

culty was experienced by the collectors and distributors in their annual visitations.

"At our last meeting it was resolved, That 120 dollars of the money collected this year, be forwarded to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, to constitute four life memberships, each 30 dollars.

"In looking upon the past year, we seem to have done literally nothing. Why is this? Surely not that there is nothing to do in our own city, or our own State. Then our own and foreign lands are peopled with precious and immortal souls, who are ignorant of the way of life; and in their ignorance are living and dying without a knowledge of that Friend who is both able and willing to save them.

"We feel, and know the work we are engaged in is a good work, and if properly attended to, will be a means of extending the knowledge of our Redeemer—the salvation of souls—and thus our God will be glorified on the earth.

"The 'Young Ladies' Bible Society of the City of Pittsburg and Vicinity," in account with H. B. L., Treasurer:

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1847.

Jan. 4.	By Balance in Treasury at annual meeting,	-	27
	Cash by Donations,	- - - - -	14 74
	" " Subscriptions,	- - - - -	63 45
	" " Bibles sold,	- - - - -	2 82
Dec. 26.	Collection at annual sermon,	- - - - -	37 42
	Donation from the children of Sharon cong.,	-	72
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			\$129 42

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1847.

Jan. 7.	Paid Rev. J. J. Aikin to complete a life membership,	- - - - -	3 00
	Blank book,	- - - - -	75
Dec. 31.	Paid Rev. J. J. Aikin,	- - - - -	125 67
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			\$129 42

"Officers:—President, Mrs. S. K. Wade; Vice-President, Miss H. B. Laughlin; Cor. Sec'y., Miss J. Trainer; Treasurer, Miss E. M. Rea."

"*Annual Meeting of the Female Bible Society of Pittsburg and Vicinity*, January 1st, 1848.—This Society held its annual meeting in the lecture room of the 1st Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Matthew Brown, D. D., presided.

"Treasurer and Secretary presented their reports.

"Board of Managers elected for the ensuing year.

"Dr. Brown made a short, and very appropriate address encouraging the

Society to move on heartily and cheerfully in our work—by its great importance, and the inestimable privilege of possessing the Word of God.

“The same officers elected for the ensuing year.

“President:—Mrs. H. Denny; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Young, Mrs. N. Craig; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Patterson; Secretary, Mrs. W. P. Jones; Managers, Mrs. F. Herron, Mrs. D. H. Riddle, Mrs. R. Edwards, Mrs. A. Laughlin, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Grier, Mrs. Westervelt, Mrs. McGahan, Mrs. McClaren, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Mrs. M. G. Semple, Mrs. Dr. Brooks, Mrs. A. M. Bryan, Mrs. Dr. McCracken, Mrs. Dr. Irwin, Mrs. Lightner, Mrs. J. Morgan, Mrs. McClurg, Mrs. G. Breed, Mrs. S. Laughlin, Mrs. E. Bidwell.

“ANNUAL REPORT.—The Managers of the Female Bible Society in making their 26th Annual Report, would state that during the past year they have made some changes in their districts, and made more vigorous efforts to obtain new subscribers in the vicinity, also to supply the destitutions. They had hoped to report a great increase of prosperity in its financial affairs—far exceeding any former year, but in this they are disappointed.

“Thirty-one new subscribers have been added to their list, but little more than making up losses occasioned by death, removals, and other causes.

“Subscribers pay not less than \$1 00 yearly. The amount thus raised, with small donations, and a collection at the Annual Sermon constitute the funds of the Society, which is laid out in Bibles and Testaments for distribution in our own city, and Western Pennsylvania, the surplus paid over to the Parent Society.

“The Bible cause is one in which all Christians may unite, and all Protestant denominations in the city are, or are designed to be represented in this Board of Managers. From so extensive a field it would seem that much might be gathered if this cause occupied its proper place in the hearts of its friends.

“The crowds of immigrants annually coming among us, and increase of our own population, create a constant demand for the ‘Word of God,’ and it would seem that the enlarged circulation of the Sacred Scriptures, so sheds light on their true value, that more desire to possess them than in former times, when they were confined to the few who were wealthy enough to purchase them.

“To meet these increasing demands, the friends of the cause must be more whole-hearted in their future exertions, nor suffer themselves to grow weary in well doing.

“The Treasurer reports as collected from all sources, \$309 26.

“The Librarian reports 35 Bibles and 67 Testaments as having been distributed. Remaining in the Library 65 Bibles and 87 Testaments, nearly all having been received the 1st of November.—One Bible sold.”

BEAVER COUNTY.

This county is now being explored, and families destitute of the Bible supplied. The Rev. E. O. Fling is engaged in this work. He reports Beaver, Bridgewater, Brighton, Fallstown, Old Brighton, Rochester, Freedona, New Seweckly, and Economy, as visited, and seventy families found destitute and supplied. There has also been three townships visited on the north part of the county, from which we have not received a final report. We have received the past year from this county, for books sold, and as donations, \$359 13. This sum does not include the amount paid us by the Hookstown and vicinity Bible Society.

BERKS COUNTY.

Mr. George Waltz, who has been labouring a part of his time for the Lebanon Female Bible Society, has also visited a few townships of this county bordering on Lebanon. The following is a part of his report, from April 12th to Dec. 11th, 1847.

"I have visited 1773 families, found 166 of them destitute, and supplied 164.

"Sold 259 Bibles and 511 Testaments. Gave to those destitute 48 Bibles and 31 Testaments.

"I found seven families unwilling to receive the Bible, and fifteen who were unable to read.

"I also found 28 families who had been married for a long period, varying from 10 to 41 years, and never possessed a Bible!

"Amount received from sale of Bibles and Testaments, \$255 12; amount of Bibles and Testaments given, \$31 12.

"I have been in six townships in Berks county, visited more than seven hundred families, mostly Germans. I find about the tenth family without the Bible; in some neighbourhoods more, in some less. In a neighbourhood including a village of 22 families, I found in 100 families, 24 without a Bible; had to grant it to 12. I found old people who were from 20 to 41 years married, but never had the Word of God, and some of them cannot read. Many do not know the difference between the Old and New Testament. Met some who do not know what a Bible is. I came to one family and inquired whether they had a Bible; the lady of the house replied Yes, and brought an old book which proved to be a history of Christ, in the Dutch language. In the parts I visited, there is much ignorance as to the true object of the Bible cause, no agent having visited from house to house before. Public meetings were held here in former years by pastors and people, and speeches made in opposition to the Bible, Sunday School, and Tract Societies, and the effect of those proceedings are yet felt to some extent; but I still meet with a goodly number of intelligent men, and as far as I went, succeeded in gaining the co operation of minis-

ters, who recommended the cause in which I am engaged from their pulpits, which had a good influence. I found no auxiliary in the field over which I went. Bibles had been given to private persons, which they did not distribute judiciously: grants were made to some who could pay for them, and the poor were neglected. A small village which I visited, and in which said individuals circulated the Bible, I found 16 families destitute of the holy book, and one family who could pay had received two copies gratis."

"Reading Female Bible Society.—The Managers of this society would report, that in disseminating the precious truths of God, twenty-eight families were found destitute of the word of life.

"Our city was thoroughly explored last year, but owing to the continual increase of population, we find that it requires those who are engaged in the glorious undertaking, 'To work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.' It appears as if our anxiety to give them the Bible, has the desired effect; causing an inquiry concerning their eternal welfare. The result is evident, in their kindness and bearing towards us.

"A number of families were anxious to have the Scriptures in English, as they had them in German only, which was a sealed book to their children.

"To those that were able to pay we sold; and those that were not able, we cheerfully gave; with the hope that they may drink freely of the waters of life, and find salvation.

"36 Bibles and 5 Testaments were sold. 16 Bibles and 7 Testaments were gratuitously distributed.

"Received from subscriptions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$81 00
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"Received from sale of Bibles and Testaments,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 25
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"The surplus funds, after paying for the books that may be needed, have been appropriated to employ a distributor to explore and supply the county."

BRADFORD COUNTY.

We have no report from this county, and cannot therefore give anything definite as to the distribution of the Scriptures during the past year.

A bill of Bibles and Testaments, amounting to about \$108, has been sent to that county, all of which, together with a few previously on hand, have, we believe, been put into circulation; but of the number of families visited, and the number found destitute and supplied, we have no definite information.

BUTLER COUNTY.

"I send you the report of Mr. Plummer, the Bible distributor, and also the report of Mr. Campbell, the Treasurer of Butler County Bible Society.

"Number of Bibles distributed by Mr. Plummer, 972; number of Testaments, 1031; destitute families supplied, 132.

Amount received as donations,	-	-	-	-	-	\$238 73½
" " on sale of Books,	-	-	-	-	-	654 66¼
Amount given in Bibles and Testaments,	-	-	-	-	-	59 00

"There were 132 destitute families supplied; and a few found destitute refused to receive the Bible, but the exact number is not stated.

"Thirteen out of the eighteen townships have been explored and supplied.

"Treasurer's Report.—Balance due Pennsylvania Bible Society last spring when the Books came into my hands,						
	-	-	-	-	-	\$312 86
Oct. 8, 1847, Bill of Bibles and Testaments,	-	-	-	-	-	215 65
Feb. 4, 1848, " " " " " "	-	-	-	-	-	51 14
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						\$579 65

1847, July 1.—By cash left with Kramer & Rahn for Rev. J.

J. Aiken,	-	-	-	-	-	\$95 39
" Sept. 13.—By cash paid Rev. J. J. Aiken,	-	-	-	-	-	67 00
" " Balance due in exchange of Books,	-	-	-	-	-	7 00
" Dec. 16.—Cash paid Kramer & Rahn,	-	-	-	-	-	89 00
1848, Jan. 22. " " " " " "	-	-	-	-	-	118 00
" " Bibles and Testaments sent to Pittsburg,	-	-	-	-	-	29 00
March 15.—Cash paid Kramer & Rahn,	-	-	-	-	-	85 00
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						\$490 39

Balance due Pennsylvania Bible Society, - - - \$89 26

"The Officers of the Butler County Bible Society, are:—President, Rev. Loyal Young; Cor. Sec'y, Hon. Jno. Bredin; Treasurer, Wm. Campbell, Jr."

CENTRE COUNTY.

"The Managers of the Centre County Bible Society, regret that they have such a meagre report to make for the past year. A few Bibles and Testaments have been distributed, on sale and gratuitously. A small supply of Books was obtained last summer, of which the greater part is yet on hand. There has been but little done in the way of exploring, or ascertaining who are destitute of the Sacred Scriptures. Some cases have been found of persons without the Bible. And there is reason to suppose that notwithstanding the county has been explored several times, there are still many families which are not provided with a Bible. These wants may exist among emigrants, and those who have lately been formed into families by marriage. And this Board suppose that such destitutions should be sought

out and supplied, whatever may be the means to be resorted to for that purpose.

“To carry out all the designs contemplated by Bible Societies, we want an increase in pecuniary means, and we want especially, a large increase of energy and zeal for the honour of God, and the glory of his name.

“JAMES LINN, *Cor. Sec'y.*

“Belfonte, April 24, 1848.”

CLARION COUNTY.

“During the past year, \$31 50 has been received on sale of books from H. A. Thompson, Treasurer of Clarion County Bible Society.”

CLINTON COUNTY.

Second Annual Report of the Clinton County Bible Society.—“The objects of the Society during the past year, have been to discharge a heavy debt which has been so long pressing upon us, and distribute the Books in our possession at the commencement of the year. Both these objects have been accomplished in part.

“The debt due by this Society to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, at the beginning of last year, was \$180 83; during the year we have been able to transmit \$59 00, leaving us still indebted to the parent Society, \$121 83.

“The Bibles and Testaments which were placed in the hands of the distributors in the different townships of the County, have been nearly all disposed of, either by sale or gratuitous distribution.

“The accounts of the distributors in the following places, balance, as appears from the books of the Society—viz: Borough of Lock-Haven, Allihin, Chapua, Kettle Creek, Lumber Grove, Woodward, Dunstable, and Porter townships.

“The distributors in the following townships, are yet in arrears to the Society, as appears from our books,—viz.: Lamar, Wayne, Pine Creek, Bald Eagle, Logan, Green, and one also in Woodward.

“One of our distributors reports, that within the narrow limits of his district, seven families were found destitute of the Bible; and some of them wealthy, who would receive a Bible if it were given to them, but who would not pay twenty-five cents for a copy of the Word of God. We fear that this would not be the only case in which such a report would be made to the Society, could we receive from our agents throughout the county, full reports of their doings.

“The Executive Committee cannot but regret that they receive from the distributors, such meagre reports of what they have done in scattering through the county copies of the Word of God, and thus our report to the Society presents so unsatisfactory an account of what has been accomplished during the year past.

“Since above report was made, \$72 37 have been received on account.”

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Crawford County Bible Society.—"This Society held its Annual Meeting in Meadville, in January last. The number of Bibles and Testaments distributed and sold the past year, is 167. The amount of money received and paid to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, during the year, is about \$184 00. The following Officers were chosen for the ensuing year:—David Dick, Esq., President; John Reynolds, Esq., Corresponding Secretary; and Joseph Derrickson, Esq., Treasurer."

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Report of the Cumberland County Bible Society.—"Since the supply of this county in 1846, by Mr. Baldwin as the agent of this Society, more difficulty exists in maintaining an interest in the work among the friends of the Bible cause; were the supply complete and the exploration thorough, the fluctuation of our population would in two years leave many families and individuals destitute; but when we know that the work when performed by voluntary committees (however well disposed) is imperfectly done and many necessarily passed over, there is abundant field for those who are willing to help in this good cause.

"In one vicinity (since the exploration) among our mountains a colporteur of the Tract Society, found seven or eight destitute, who were supplied from our Depository.

"Bibles and Testaments were left by our agent in 1846 with different individuals for sale or distribution in several of the townships, some of whom have reported and settled during the past year, while others remain yet to be accounted for.

"The Female Bible Society of Carlisle undertook to ascertain and supply the wants of this town, the Bibles to be supplied by this Society. The Almshouse of this county has been several times visited through the voluntary agency of a young gentleman of Dickinson College, and all its wants met from time to time. At the last visit of the general agent, Rev. S. N. Howell, to this town, our depository was entirely exhausted of English Bibles and Testaments; we have since replenished it with a variety of editions; and to obtain means to pay for the same, it was thought best to invite the clergymen of the different churches in our borough to take up a collection in their congregations on our behalf; no funds have yet been raised in this way, but we still cherish the hope that it is only deferred by the pastors for a propitious season to lay it before their congregations.

"Bible Societies have been formed in several of the small towns within the county, and we trust will exhibit an energy which will rouse this Society to greater zeal and effort in the cause.

"All which is respectfully submitted by

"Very respectfully, yours,

"SAMUEL ELLIOTT,

"Carlisle, April 20, 1848."

"Cor. Sec. C. C'y B. Soc.

Female Bible Society of Shippensburg.—"Sold during the past year 20 Bibles, and 75 Testaments. The Committee appointed to ascertain the number of families destitute of a copy of the Scriptures, have unavoidably failed to accomplish their task. By the visit of the Rev. Mr. Howell, the Society received a happy impulse, indicated by a more general interest in the cause, and an increased number of subscribers. The amount contributed is \$45 13, \$30 of which is to constitute Miss Keziah Irvine a life member.

"Officers of the Society:—Mrs. A. Wilson, President; Mrs. C. Harper, Corresponding Secretary; Miss K. Irvine, Treasurer; Miss E. Russell, Recording Secretary and Librarian.

"By order of Society,

"C. HARPER,
"Corresponding Secretary."

CLEARFIELD COUNTY.

A Bible distributor has been employed in this county during the past year, who has thoroughly explored and supplied about three-fourths of it. The whole would have been thoroughly supplied had not the interruption on the canals prevented getting on a sufficient supply of books.

The distributor reported a large destitution;—in some neighbourhoods one-fourth, and in others as high as one-third of the families were found without the Word of God. An interesting report of the operation was made out but we regret that it has been mislaid.

Amount of books sent to this county during the last year, -	\$711 17
Amount of receipts during same time, - - -	625 00

Officers:—A. B. Reed, President; H. B. Beisel, Vice President; Rev. Peter Lane, Corresponding Secretary; G. P. Gulich, Treasurer.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

The thirty-fourth anniversary of the Harrisburg Bible Society was celebrated in the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1848. A sermon had been preached in view of the occasion to the Society in the German Reformed Church on the Sabbath evening preceding, by Rev. Dr. De Witt.

The Anniversary was observed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Mesick, of the German Reformed Church.

The annual report of the Board was read by the Secretary. In the report it was stated, that the number of volumes disposed of during the year amounted to twenty-one. As the county had been thoroughly explored and supplied but recently, the demand for books was but limited. The Board expressed their conviction respecting the necessity of renewed efforts in the cause of the Bible, especially in view of the foreign demand, as well as of the advancing tide of immigration to our own country. They will no doubt be sustained by the Society.

After the reading of the Report, an address was made by the Rev. Mr. Davis of the Baptist Church, followed by the Rev. Mr. Cooper of the Methodist Church.

An election of a Board of Managers followed, from which the following officers were chosen to serve during the ensuing year, viz.:—Hon. J. C. Bucher, President; Rev. W. R. De Witt, Vice President; A. K. Fahnestock, Esq., Treasurer; Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, Corresponding Secretary.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Society.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board to devise ways and means for the purpose of enlarging the contributions, and increasing the efficiency of this Society.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

"The Bible Society of Delaware County held its annual meeting yesterday May 1st, and I regret that I have but a meagre report to make of efforts in behalf of the good cause since my last report.

"It appears but two congregations were reported as having made collections, viz.: those of Middletown and Ridley, under the pastoral charge of Rev. Mr. Dale. Owing to the absence of the treasurer of those congregations, I am not able to state the exact amount; it will fall but little short of \$90. A resolution was passed requesting the pastors of all the evangelical churches of the county, to take up collections, and report to an adjourned meeting, to be held the first Monday in June. The officers elected were as follows: Pierce Crosby, Esq. President; George W. Bartram, Esq., Recording Secretary; H. L. Powell, Treasurer; Samuel M. Leiper, Corresponding Secretary."

ERIE COUNTY.

The annual meeting of the Erie County Bible Society, was held at the session room of the Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday, 2d Feb., 1848.

From the 24th annual report, made by the Managers at this meeting, the following extracts are made:—

"During the last year, to sustain the operations of the Society, and retain an assortment of Bibles and Testaments in the depository, there has been purchased of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, 341 copies of different editions of the Bible, and 655 Testaments, at a cost of \$253 09, making the sum of \$1697 91, purchased by this Society within the last five years. The whole amount obtained for the supply of this county since the first organization of this Society has been about 3570 Bibles, and 6071 Testaments.

"An agent has been employed a portion of the year in visiting different portions of the county and supplying the destitute. He reports, in visiting 129 families in one township, 13 families were found destitute of a Bible and supplied.

"It is intended the present year to employ an additional agent, that the

whole county be explored, and every family visited before the next annual meeting.

"It was resolved, that the managers be instructed, to see that every steamboat and vessel registered in this collector's district, and every canal boat owned in the county, be supplied with a copy of the word of God.

"The following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, George Selden; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. A. E. Foster, A. W. Brewster, Samuel Hutchins, Rev. Geo. W. Cleveland, Rev. John R. Cornyn, David H. Chapman, Jas. M. Moorhead, Hamlin Russell, and Capt. Thos. Wilkins; Treasurer, Guy Loomis; Secretary, J. C. Spencer; Managers, Rev. G. A. Lyon, Rev. J. H. Presley, Geo. Kellogg, Esq., Tho. Moorhead, jr., John Law, Lieut. J. H. Simpson, S. E. Woodruff, Rev. Jos. Vance, W. H. Townsend, W. Warner, Gideon Johnson, Rev. J. J. Findley, Dyer Loomis, Esq.

"J. C. SPENCER,

"*Secretary, Erie Co. Bible Society.*

"Erie, 4th February, 1848."

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Female Bible Society of Brownsville.—"By a merciful Providence we have been spared to see another anniversary of our Society, for which we are bound to feel grateful to the Giver of all good. The Society continues its usual operations, by districting the town, and visiting every family, for the purpose of distributing the word of eternal life. The diligence of former years has rendered the demand for books less frequent; but we find, however, something to do from year to year, in keeping up a supply of the word of God.

"The Society during the year has sold 32 Bibles, and 63 Testaments, and has donated 13 Bibles and 50 Testaments. The treasurer of the Society reports that she has received by collections and sales of books, from the 21st of Dec. 1846, to the 17th Dec. 1847, both inclusive, \$103 214, which sum is now at the disposal of the Society.

"The Society has made three persons life members of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, viz.: Mrs. Anna S. Cowell, Mrs. Maria Sloan, and Mrs. Elizabeth Lines.

"Officers: President, Mrs. Sweetzer; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Shuman, Mrs. M. Bowman, Mrs. Lafferty, Mrs. C. Rogers; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Anna Cowall; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. J. I. Martin; Treasurer, Mrs. Knox; Librarian, Mrs. J. Bowman."

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Franklin County Bible Society.—"We are gratified to be able to report the 'Franklin County Bible Society' for the last year, as in a somewhat more prosperous condition, its friends would fain hope, than for several

and, perhaps, any preceeding year. Some four years ago the county was fully supplied with Bibles, which, however, after a lapse of such a period has need to be again visited by the distributor, in order to supply the destitutions necessarily happening since then. The Board of Managers have accordingly, at a late meeting, determined to employ one or more agents to enter, as soon as practicable, upon the enterprise of resupplying the county with Bibles. The pecuniary affairs of the Society have been such as to enable us, in what may properly be embraced within the year, to furnish to the Parent Society some fifty dollars, in addition to a similar amount now in the treasury of the Society, subject to the draft of the 'Pennsylvania Bible Society.'

"We cannot omit some notice of the late anniversary proceedings of the Society. On that occasion several of our worthy clerical brethren, as well as several of our more elderly and prominent members of the bar, participated in the discussion. Various important topics connected with the subject of the distribution, and happy effects of the Bible, were presented in an interesting manner, and doubtless greatly tended to awaken a new zeal on behalf of the noble cause in our midst. The sessions continued one entire day and a portion of another. The anniversary address, on the occasion, by the Rev. Joshua Kennedy, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, resident near this place, from Rev. xxii. 2, 'and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nation,' was well suited to excite activity in the cause of Bible distribution.

"It is fondly trusted that the impetus given to the cause by the friends of true Christian principles, by their mutual conferences on this subject, may tell favourably upon the future progress of the good cause. May the God of all grace speed on his own work to a glorious consummation.

"The Female Bible Society of Chambersburg, held its annual meeting on the 2d Monday of April, when it appeared from the reports of the managers, that they had generally attended to their duty, in ascertaining and supplying those families destitute of the Scriptures, within our limits, and we do occasionally, though rarely, find such amongst us. In accordance with the suggestion of Rev. S. N. Howell, agent for Eastern Pennsylvania, we have recently furnished the hotels of our place with Bibles for the use of travellers. One hundred and eleven were required for this object, and eight copies were otherwise distributed—in all 119—besides 21 Testaments—for each returning season gives us something to do amongst the juvenile portion of our population.

"The Society numbers 91 contributors, and we have collected \$40 34. I enclose forty dollars, of which we appropriate *seven* to the purchase of 100 Testaments (muslin bound), and the remainder to be appropriated to constitute the Rev. Samuel Sprecker a life member of the Parent Society.

"The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Schneck; Cor. Secretary, Miss. L. A. Denny; Rec. Secretary, Miss Sarah Kennedy; Treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Berlin."

INDIANA COUNTY.

Indiana County Bible Society.—"The Board had anticipated a completion of the work of supply, so as to make at this time a final report, but the precarious health of the agent will delay it for several months. An additional agent has been procured, who is now successfully engaged in the work. Two boroughs and ten townships have been visited and supplied as follows:

"*Indiana Borough.*—Sold 31 Bibles and 55 Testaments; gave 1 Bible and 6 Testaments; destitute families, 5; donations received, \$41 46.

"*Blairsville Borough.*—Sold 13 Bibles and 23 Testaments; gave 2 Bibles and 4 Testaments; destitute families, 7; donations received, \$14 03½.

"*White Township.*—Sold 48 Bibles and 75 Testaments; gave 6 Bibles and 11 Testaments; destitute families, 11; donations received, \$30 98¾.

"*Washington Township.*—Sold 28 Bibles and 121 Testaments; gave 9 Bibles and 10 Testaments; destitute families, 18; donations received, \$14 62½.

"*Blacklick Township.*—Sold 74 Bibles and 173 Testaments; gave 3 Bibles and 17 Testaments; destitute families, 21; donations received, \$38 35¼.

"*Young Township.*—Sold 72 Bibles and 158 Testaments; gave 1 Bible and 15 Testaments; destitute families, 3; donations received, \$39 51¼.

"*Armstrong Township.*—Sold 41 Bibles and 74 Testaments; gave 4 Bibles and 6 Testaments; destitute families, 6; donations received, \$22 13¼.

"*Conemaugh Township.*—Sold 66 Bibles and 66 Testaments; gave 1 Bible and 8 Testaments; destitute families, 2; donations received, \$20 33¾.

"*Centre Township.*—Sold 49 Bibles and 75 Testaments; gave 1 Bible and 5 Testaments; destitute families, 9; donations received, \$18 83.

"*Wheatfield Township.*—Sold 74 Bibles and 100 Testaments; gave 15 Bibles and 16 Testaments; destitute families, 29; donations received, \$43 54¼.

"*Brushvalley Township.*—Sold 108 Bibles and 244 Testaments; gave 23 Bibles and 17 Testaments; destitute families, 46; donations received, \$24 36¼.

"*Green Township.*—Sold 130 Bibles and 340 Testaments; gave 13 Bibles and 21 Testaments; destitute families, 50; donations received, \$34 27¾.

"Bibles sold at the depository by the Treasurer, from 6th of

January, 1847, to the 5th January, 1848, - - - - 47

"Testaments sold during the same time, - - - - 134

"There were sold at the depository, prior to this time, Bibles and Testaments to the amount of \$66 79½.

“Whole amount of money received through our agent at the depository, - - - - - - - - \$1033 12½

“Whole amount of Bibles sold at the depository to the 1st of April, 1848, - - - - - - - - 124 20½

“Whole amount, - - - - \$1157 33

“The officers of the society are, Rev. A. B. Quay, President; A. Stewart, Robt. Craig, Dr. R. Mitchel, Vice Presidents; John Sutton, Recording Secretary; Rev. H. Bishop, Corresponding Secretary; C. Rice, Sr., Jas. Todd, W. C. Boyle, John Boucher, Jas. Hamilton, Managers.”

Annual Report of the Saltsburg Bible Society.—“Since we forwarded our last report, this Society has been diligently employed in supplying the village and surrounding community with the Sacred Scriptures.

“Mr. James Rhea visited 51 families; found 5 destitute; sold 27 copies of the Bible; gave to those not able to purchase 5 copies.

“Mr. W. H. Wray visited 32 families; found 2 destitute; sold 40 copies; gave 1.

“Mr. T. McCrea visited 24 families; found 5 destitute; sold 16 copies; gave 4.

“Mr. M. Perry visited 80 families; found 1 destitute; sold 33 copies; gave 2.

“Whole number of families visited, 262. Whole number of families destitute, 21. Whole number of copies sold, 288. Whole number of copies given, 14.

“We have still on hand 8 Bibles. Our agents have collected by subscription, \$8 12½. At the annual meeting of this Society held to-day, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year, viz.: President, Wm. Moore; Vice Presidents, James R. Porter, James Rhea, David Henderson, Matthew Perry, and Rev. Watson Hughes; Secretary, Wm. Longary; Treasurer, J. B. Robinson.

“The Treasurer was directed by the Society to forward \$13 00 to the Pennsylvania Society, to be employed by them in circulating the Scriptures in the destitute parts of our land. The above sum will be found inclosed in this sheet.

“J. B. ROBINSON, *Treasurer.*”

LANCASTER COUNTY.

Columbia Female Bible Society.—“I regret that we have so long deferred sending in our report, yet I trust we are not too late.

“Officers: Miss Eleanor Houston, President; Mrs. Townsend, Vice President; Miss Ann E. Bruner, Secretary; Mrs. Rebecca Wright, Treasurer; Miss Susan Gossler, Mrs. Bowers, Miss Prudence Guin, Miss Mary

Temple, Miss Rebecca Wilson, Miss Catharine Barter, Mrs. Lowry, Executive Committee.

"The ladies entered cheerfully into the work; it was resolved to divide our town into four districts. The executive committee was then divided into four sub-committees, to visit these several districts, for the purpose of soliciting funds for the Society, and ascertaining if there were any families destitute of the Word of God. We were pleased at the cheerful readiness with which our citizens contributed to this great and glorious cause.

"Quite a number of families were found without Bibles, and it was a sufficient reward to the distributors, for all their toil, to see the gratitude visible on the countenances of some, as they eagerly accepted the book of Truth and Life. One case particularly excited admiration and interest. It was a fine, noble-looking woman, apparently about 28 years of age, with a frank open countenance, yet the very picture of poverty, with several children; when asked if she would receive a Bible, the tears flowed from her eyes, while she replied with joy, 'Ycs! I have not seen a Bible since my marriage, and I would be *very glad* to accept one.' Such instances, it is true, were rare, yet they were sufficient to convince us that this work was a labour of love. Some Catholics agreed to accept Bibles, while others seemed highly offended, and were rather repulsive in their manners.

"Number of Bibles distributed, 85. One dozen were presented to the Baptist coloured school. There are some few Bibles still on hand.

"We still feel interested in this cause, and sincerely desire to see it prosper. We well know we can do nothing of ourselves, without the assistance of God, and to Him we ascribe all the praise for so abundantly crowning our labours with success."

LEBANON COUNTY.

Lebanon Female Bible Society.—"The accompanying report of the labours of Mr. Waltz, agent of the Lebanon Female Bible Society, presents to our view the following results of his labours, from the 25th Nov., 1846, to Jan. 1, 1848. The number of families destitute of the Bible, 24; families supplied, 24; Bibles sold, 32; Bibles granted, 24; Testaments sold, 29; Testaments granted, 3; cash received for Bibles and Testaments sold, \$26 24; value of Bibles and Testaments granted, \$15 32.

"The cash and book account of Mr. Waltz is as follows:

"George Waltz, in account with the Lebanon Female Bible Society—

Dr.

" To 1 box of Bibles and Testaments, from Pa. B. Soc.	-	-	\$43 25
To 1 box " " per J. Ermantrout,	-	-	72 30
Whole amount,	-	-	<u>\$115 55</u>

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"Cash paid Miss Kuntz, Treasurer, - - - - -	25 00
Paid freight on books, - - - - -	1 12½
Bibles granted from May 4th, 1846, to Jan. 1st, 1848, - - -	18 51½
Value of Bibles on hand, - - - - -	49 88
Cash in Mr. Waltz's hands, - - - - -	26 24
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	\$120 76

"According to this report, after deducting donations, with cash, Bibles, and Testaments on hand, there is a balance in favour of the Lebanon Bible Society, of \$5 21.

"The accounts of the Lebanon Female Bible Society accordingly stand as follows:

"A donation to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, - - -	\$50 00
Cash in Treasury, - - - - -	18 18
Cash in Mr. Waltz's hands, to be paid in the treasury, - - -	26 24
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Amount in the Treasury, - - - - -	\$44 42
And Bibles on hand to the amount of - - - - -	\$49 88
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Cash and Bibles on hand, whole amount, - - - - -	94 30

"The officers of the Society are: Mrs. Wagner, President; Mrs. Guilford, Mrs. Greenawalt, Vice Presidents; Mrs. George, Treasurer; Mrs. Ruthrauff, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Linaweaver, Cor. Secretary."

LUZERNE COUNTY.

We have no report from the Luzerne County Bible Society this year. It was visited by the agent of Pennsylvania Bible Society, who found that little had been done for the supply of the destitute. Recently, however, a distributor has been appointed to visit the portions considered the most destitute, and we hope he will be continued until the whole county is re-supplied with the Word of God.

This Society is in a good condition, and has formerly rendered efficient service to the Bible cause. There are some books on hand and some money in the treasury; both of which we hope will be devoted to the supply of those destitute of the Bible.

Carbondale Bible Society.—"An interesting meeting was held in the Presbyterian church of this place on the 6th of February last, on the call of

Rev. S. N. Howell, agent of Pennsylvania Bible Society. Addresses were made by the Hon. W. Jessup, and Rev. Mr. Howell, after which a Society was formed, and a subscription obtained amounting to \$78 38, and it was thought by some that the amount could be doubled by presenting the subscription paper to the citizens generally.

“The Society was organized with much spirit, and bids fair to render valuable service in the Bible cause.

“The Officers are :—President, Rev. Mr. Willis ; Cor. Sec’y, S. S. Benedict, Esq. ; Treasurer, Judson Clark, Esq. ; with a Board of ten male and ten female Managers.”

MERCER COUNTY.

Report of Mercer County Bible Society.—“In accordance with the suggestion contained in the circular of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, of Feb. 12th, 1848, the following report is submitted :—

“It is not in my power to furnish as full and detailed report of the proceedings of the Society, during the past year, as would be desirable. From one of our agents we have received no report, and as our annual meeting has not yet been held, a settlement of accounts, and statement of our financial affairs has not been made.

“From the report of our agent, T. M. Clark, the following statistics are gathered, which will give some information on the subject :

“Eight townships, viz., Wolf Creek, Slippery Rock, New Wilmington, Lackawannock, Pulaski, Shenango, Hickory, and Pymatuning, and three boroughs, viz., Mercer, New Castle, and West Greenville, have been visited by him—in which he sold 670, and gave away 62 Bibles ; sold 964 Testaments, and gave away 187. Received for Bibles sold, \$423 49 ; for Testaments sold, \$130 25. Received donations, \$397 42. Found 132 families destitute.

“Our agent states that he found one family, which has for 42 years maintained that relation, and has never had a copy of the Scriptures ; and another, which for 40 years has been in the same situation. These he supplied.

“The Scriptures have been furnished to a considerable number of Catholic families, some of whom purchased and paid full price for them ; others paying in part. Many, however, refused to receive them, offering as a reason, that they were forbidden by their priests to read the *Protestant Bible*.

“Not quite one half of our county has yet been visited, but it is the intention of the Society, if possible, to have the remaining part traversed during the coming summer.”

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

"In attempting to submit an annual report of the doings of the Mifflin County Bible Society, I regret to say that an examination of our record book exhibits an entire blank. We have not had a single meeting, nor collected a dollar of money during the past year. Some books have been sold, but, as our librarian is absent at this time, the number cannot be given. There are various causes for this apathy, all having their influence to some extent, but unitedly forming no sufficient reason.

"Our organization is the usual one of a county Society, but the officers being confined principally to the county town, the remaining part of the county takes no great interest in the operations of the Society. If auxiliary societies were formed in the various townships of the county, I presume a greater interest would be manifested in the cause, and if an efficient agent were employed to traverse the county, there is no doubt but that much good would be effected. As an officer of the Society I regret our inefficiency in times past, and am determined that the coming year shall exhibit more fruit, with God's blessing, if the labour has to be done by myself.

"Officers of Mifflin County Bible Society :—E. Banks, President ; R. C. Hale, Treasurer ; Corresponding Secretary, (deceased) ; J. K. Kelly, Recording Secretary.

"Very respectfully,

"R. C. HALE,

"*Treas'r and Acting Cor. Sec'ry.*"

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

"Norristown, April 21st, 1848.

"DEAR SIR :

"*The Montgomery County Bible Society* submit the following summary of their proceedings of the last year, and, although they have not accomplished much, they trust what has been done may meet the acceptance of Him, without whose blessing all our efforts will avail but little.

"Since my last report, an exploration has been made in the Borough of Norristown, and thirty-one families found destitute, who are being supplied with the Scriptures, which, with those previously distributed, will make fifty-one Bibles and six Testaments issued by this Society within the last year.

"The annual meeting of this Society was held in St. John's Episcopal church, in the Borough of Norristown, on the 12th ult., and considerable interest manifested in the cause. The services were opened by the reading of a portion of the Scriptures by the Rev. Nathan Stern, who presided on the

occasion, and by prayer offered by the Rev. S. M. Gould. After reading the minutes of preceding meetings, together with the reports of Bibles issued and on hand, and of the amount of funds in possession of the Treasurer, the meeting was ably addressed by the Rev. Mr. Howell, agent of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, and subsequently by several other gentlemen. A resolution was unanimously agreed to appropriating the funds in the hands of the Treasurer, together with the amount collected upon the occasion, for the use of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, the same to be drawn for in Bibles as this Society may have need, and the Treasurer of the Society, in conformity with said resolution, paid over to the agent the amount in his hands.

"The Rev. S. M. Gould, the Rev. J. R. Kookan, and the Rev. Nathan Stern, were appointed delegates to represent this Society in the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Bible Society in May next.

"The following named persons were then chosen officers of this Society for the ensuing year, to wit:

"Managers:—Rev. Mr. Ralston, Rev. Mr. Kookan, Rev. Mr. Elsegood, Rev. Mr. Aaron, Mr. Wm. Hamil, Mr. G. R. Fox, Mr. Wm Powell, President, N. B. Boileau; Vice Presidents, Rev. R. Steele, D. D., Rev. N. Stern, Rev. S. M. Gould; Secretary, A. Slemmer; Treasurer, Zadoc Thomas."

M'KEAN COUNTY.

This county has been supplied the past year by a student of Jefferson College, Mr. John R. Duncan. The following is his report.

Families visited, 493; found destitute of the Bible, 84. 111 Bibles disposed of in the county, and 170 Testaments. Mr. D. says, "Nearly all the 84 families found destitute gladly received the Bible. Some few would not. This county was explored five years ago, and now every sixth family is found without the Sacred Word. It was not an uncommon thing to find families of ten and twelve children without a copy of the Bible or Testament. May the seed sown in this county spring up and bring forth fruit unto everlasting life." Mr. Duncan received in this county and Potter \$129 03, nearly all for books sold, only \$4 58 of the above sum having been given as donation.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton Female Bible Society.—"I furnish you with a statement of what our Society has been doing during the past year. We have done too little lately in this good cause, but during the past winter we resolved to begin near home, and search and see how many in our town were destitute of the Word of Life, in order to supply them. We made a pretty thorough search, and found far more than we expected. Of course they were all among the

poorer part of the population. We have distributed 56 German and 19 English Bibles, and there are about ten persons more whom we intend to supply, making in all 85. Some of our Bibles were kindly received by Roman Catholics, and a few by Jews. There are a considerable number of Jews in this place, and they appear to be on the increase, and are all Germans. They preserve their peculiarity in congregating together. Their dwellings are all in the immediate vicinity of their synagogue.

“We have between eighty and ninety names of members on our list.

“Officers:—President, Mrs. J. L. Gray; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Bomberger and Mrs. Richards; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Eleanor Junkin; Treasurer, Miss Kemper.”

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Northumberland Female Bible Society.—“The Managers of the Northumberland Female Bible Society would respectfully say that they have nothing particularly interesting to communicate, having given up the district of country which was assigned to them to supply to your agent Mr. Smeck. No doubt he has given you an account of his labours; part of our funds were given to him, but as he has not made a final settlement with our Society we cannot give you an exact statement.

“Two Bibles and three large Testaments we have sold, and six common Bibles given to our members for distribution.

“We offer for your acceptance \$10. Our Society is not large; it is all that we can spare just now, as we wish soon to procure more Bibles.

“As God in his kind providence has given us his Holy Word, we would learn from its doctrines and precepts to esteem the human family as our brethren, and would wish to supply not only this fair land, which we call our own, but would look afar off to heathen countries, and cease not our exertions until the light of the Gospel shines on every part of the earth, where there is an undying soul to be saved and blessed.

“By order of the Managers,

“T. H. B. SMITH,

“*Secretary and Treasurer.*”

Milton Female Bible Society.—“The following report exhibits the doings of our Society, through Mr. Schmeck, from September 25, 1847, to April 8, 1848.

“*Upper Mahony Township.*—Visited 208 families, found 43 destitute of Bible; received as donations \$10 96.

“*Jackson Township.*—Families visited, 213; destitute, 69; donations received, \$8 13.

"*Little Mahony Township*.—Families visited, 20; destitute, 1; donations received, \$0 73.

"*Rush Township*.—Families visited, 37; destitute, 1; donations received, \$2 50.

"*Shamokin Township*.—Families visited, 5.

"*Upper and Lower Augusta Townships*.—Families visited, 197; destitute, 27; donations received, \$12 89.

"Whole number of families visited, 680.

" " " " destitute, 132.

Amount received as donations,	-	-	-	-	\$35 20
" " from sale of 394 Bibles,	-	-	-	-	311 81
" " " " 512 Testaments,	-	-	-	-	90 15
" " " " Bibles on old account,	-	-	-	-	7 62
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					\$444 77

"There have been 405 Bibles and 514 Testaments sold; 20 Bibles and 20 Testaments given away. There are 250 Bibles and 454 Testaments still on hand.

"Since our Society was formed in October, 1846, we have purchased Bibles and Testaments of Pennsylvania Bible Society, amounting to \$1208 42 and paid during the same time \$1135 51.

"The officers of the Society are:—President, Rev. B. H. Crever; Recording Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Sweeny; Corresponding Secretary, Hon. James Pollock; Treasurer, Mrs. Matthews."

SUNBURY FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"We would express our gratitude to God that we have been enabled to do something in the way of diffusing the Word of God in our town.

"A committee was appointed for the purpose of exploring the town, and distributing Bibles by sale and otherwise. In the performance of this duty, they visited nearly every family in the town; three families were found destitute of the Word of God, and supplied. The result of our labours since we received our Bibles has been as follows: 3 English and 3 German Bibles were sold; 5 Bibles were given away,—two of them were given to prisoners in jail; 29 Testaments were sold, 7 given gratuitously.

"It is the desire of the Society to supply other neighbouring townships. The receipts of the Society have been small—\$29 59. The committee have been gathering new subscribers, and have already obtained eleven; the greater part of the old will continue their subscription.

"Officers:—President, Mrs. Mary Jordon; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Sarah S. Gobin; Treasurer, Mrs. Dorcas Grant."

PERRY COUNTY.

Perry County Bible Society Report.—“Books have been purchased from 30th July, 1846, to 29th January, 1848, amounting to the sum of \$480 15
Payments have been made to Parent Society, from 30th July,

1846, to 23d March, 1848, amounting to	-	-	-	-	392	97
Balance due by Society,	-	-	-	-	-	887 18
Amount of books on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	166 64
Contributions during the past year, viz. :						
Received from members of Society and agents,	-	-	-	-	855	00
Received from Landisburg Female Society, in books,	-	-	-	-	30	78
“ same, in cash,	-	-	-	-	20	00
“ Buffalo congregation, in Saville township,	-	-	-	-	19	04
“ Newport congregation, per S. Leiby,	-	-	-	-	9	62
“ Millerstown Society, paid to Parent Society, by Rev. S. N. Howell,	-	-	-	-	20	00
Total amount,	-	-	-	-	\$154	44

“Landisburg Female Society has received books from County Society, amounting to \$14 87½.

“In October, 1847, two distributing agents were appointed. Mr. Martin A. Smith explored three townships. He sold 186 English and 24 German Bibles, 244 English and 11 German Testaments; he gave to destitute persons and families, 2 German and 1 English Bible, and 5 English Testaments. The committee take the following extract from his report :

“‘A number of families have been supplied, that in all human probability, had it not been for the Bible Society, would have lived and died without the Bible. I supplied an aged couple (upwards of seventy years of age) with a German Bible, who no doubt had raised their family without a Bible.’ He visited 460 families, of which he found 35 destitute of the Sacred Scriptures.

“George Powell, Esq., the other distributor, commenced about the 1st of December, 1847. He has reported that he sold 177 English and 30 German Bibles, 238 English and 29 German Testaments, and that he had given books to the amount of \$10 12. In consequence of sickness, the said agent has not yet completed the distribution, by reason of which the committee, at present, is unable to make a full report of his doings.

“At an annual meeting of the Society, held the 10th of April, 1848, the foregoing report of the Executive Committee was read, and ordered to be forwarded to the Parent Society; also to be published in the county newspapers.

“Officers of the Perry County Bible Society, chosen on 10th April, 1848, viz. : Hon. Robert Elliott, President; Hon. John Junkin, Vice President;

Robert Kelly, Esq., Secretary; John Campbell, Esq., Treasurer; Rev. M. B. Patterson, Rev. L. Knight, Rev. J. Dickey, Mr. John Agnew, B. McIntire, Esq., J. Campbell, Esq., R. Kelly, Esq., Executive Committee.

"The next annual meeting of the Society to be held on the last Saturday of March, 1849, at one o'clock in the afternoon."

Landisburg Female Bible Society.—"The following is the report of Landisburg Female Bible Society, from the commencement of its operations, up to 8th of April, 1848.

"English Bibles received, 139; pocket Bibles, 5; German Bibles, 24; small Testaments, 344. English Bibles distributed, 115; German Bibles, 21; Testaments, 294.

"The remainder of the books are in the hands of the distributors: 13 English and 5 German Bibles, and 9 Testaments, given gratuitously.

"The Treasurer received in all,	-	-	-	-	-	\$148 84
Amount paid out for Bibles and Testaments, and amount paid						
to agent and Perry County Bible Society,	-	-	-	-	-	110 00*
Donations to Parent Society,	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
Amount in Treasurer's hands,	-	-	-	-	-	18 84
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PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

"I am instructed to state that, by a resolution of the Board of Managers of the Philadelphia Bible Society, the fiscal year will hereafter determine on the 1st of July; and I am consequently precluded from furnishing the full and precise information called for by the circular of the Parent Society. I may say, however, that the auxiliary association continues to perform the duties peculiar to its province. The traveller, tarrying transiently at the hotel, finds a Bible upon the table of his room; the emigrant, passing through our city on his way to the West, is intercepted and provided with the guide to Heaven; the steamboats, oyster-boats, the prisons, and the benevolent institutions of the city, continue to be supplied with the Word of God; and in every appropriate method endeavours are made to place in the hands of all, a lamp for the feet and a light for the path.

"The sense of the auxiliary Society was not taken with respect to the question of supplying the heathen portions of the world with the Holy Scriptures; but I do not hesitate to say, that in your efforts to accomplish so desirable a result, you may rely on the hearty sympathy and earnest co-operation of the Philadelphia Bible Society.

"Truly and fraternally yours,

"THOS. McKELLAR,
"Corresponding Secretary."

* \$50 78 of the \$110 has been paid to Perry County Society during last year, viz.: \$30 78 in books, and \$20 in cash.

Female Bible Society of Germantown.—"The Managers of the Female Bible Society of Germantown, in this their sixth annual report, would respectfully represent that during the past year they have received in subscriptions and donations, \$50 98. Seven Bibles have been gratuitously distributed to those destitute of them. They herewith present to the Pennsylvania Bible Society \$40 for Foreign distribution. In making this appropriation of their surplus funds, the managers express the sincere desire of their hearts to the God of the Bible, that his richest blessing may attend his own Word, that it may be instrumental in the spiritual healing of the nations, and that the glorious day may soon arrive, when the heathen shall be given to his Son for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. When, from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, his name shall be great among the Gentiles.

"H. S. BRADFORD,
"Secretary pro tem."

Female Bible Society of Philadelphia.—We regret that we have not the report of this Society, in order to lay before our readers a summary of their operations during the past year. They have zealously pursued their labours, and rendered efficient aid to the Bible cause.

Although not auxiliary to our Society, they have still continued to manifest their interest in our operations, and have evinced that interest by generously voting a donation of *one thousand dollars to our funds.*

PIKE COUNTY.

"Milford, April 11, 1848.

Pike County Bible Society.—"During the past year but little has been done by this Society. No regular agent has been employed—a few copies of the Bible have been distributed, and some sold. All those destitute have been supplied by sale or gift, so far as known, who are willing to receive a copy of the Word of Life.

"This Society was organized Sept. 9, 1844, the officers last elected, are: President, J. H. Wallace; Vice President, Rev. Mr. Pitt; Corresponding Secretary, J. H. Brodhead; Recording Secretary, John Leforge; Treasurer, S. S. Thrall.

"During the years 1845 and 1846, our county was explored by Messrs. Ford and Bowen.* The number of families destitute was found to be about one to seven, all of which was furnished with a copy of the Bible by sale or gift, that would purchase or accept a copy.

"Whole number of Bibles sold and given by the Society since its organization, 179; whole number of Testaments sold and given, 260; remaining on hand, April 11, 1848, 55 Bibles and 152 Testaments of different sizes and kinds. Cash now in the Treasury, \$2 25.

* Now missionaries at Bombay, in India.

Statement of Account as kept by Treasurer.

1st bill, Bibles and Testaments purchased,	\$115 56	
2d " " " "	60 58	—\$176 14
1st payment as per Annual Report of 1845,	\$65 73	
2d " paid by S. S. Thrall, Treasurer,	23 00	
3d " " " "	11 65	
4th " " " to S. N. Howell,	51 20	—\$151 58
Balance due parent Society,		\$24 56
		"J. H. WALLACE."

POTTER COUNTY.

"This county has been traversed by a Bible distributor the past year, and the families found destitute of the Sacred Scriptures were supplied, with few exceptions. These few would not receive the Word, though brought to their doors and offered to them 'without money and without price.' Mr. Duncan, to whom the work of supply was committed, reports as follows :

"Number of families visited, 590 ; number of families destitute, 154 ; 179 Bibles were circulated and 284 Testaments. This county was also supplied five years ago, and yet we now find every fourth family destitute of the Bible. In one township half of the families were destitute of the Sacred Word. There was a general destitution of religious books and instruction throughout this county, and it is hoped the Bibles and Testaments circulated will do much good in awakening a desire for religious truth."

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

"In this county there is at present no efficient organization, and very little has been done for raising funds to supply the destitute ; although there doubtless exists a greater destitution, owing to the fluctuating character of the population, than in any other county in the State. An agent, however, has been at work in that field part of the year, and developed a destitution truly surprising. In his report he says : I have visited 3577 families, and found 1383 of them destitute. Of those destitute of the Bible, 682 were Catholics. 431 families were supplied with the Sacred Scriptures, of whom 18 were Catholics.

"I have visited all that part of the county lying between the Blue and Sharp Mountains, from the Little Schuylkill River up as far west as Friedensburg, and the following towns, viz. : Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Haven, Landingville; McKeanburg, Port Clinton, Mt. Carbon, along the turnpike to the toll-gate, Port Carbon, Middleport, Big Vein, Bushy Tract, Whitefield Mines, Patterson, Brockville, Tuscarora, Lewistown and Valley, Mill Creek Valley, up to St. Clair and New Castle, West West and West Wood, down the Branch to De Forestville, Koehnig's Creek Valley to Carbon county, all the iron-works along Little Schuylkill River. In visiting the above, described places and districts, I have found some in the most deplora-

blede stitution : as for instance, one family who had brought up sixteen children without any Bible instruction ; also an aged man and wife of about 80 years, who never had the Word of God, although they lived together 60 years, and raised children. I also found one family who had nailed and boxed up their Bible for fifteen years, and a number of similar instances which if given in detail, would fill pages and chill the heart of the philanthropist. In some instances I had to call four and five times before I could persuade them to take a Bible. Some refused to take the precious Book because the Apocryphal Books were wanting, and others because they did not contain the *6th and 7th Books of Moses* ; at one place, after calling several times trying to persuade them to take the good Book, I was ordered to leave the house, and threatened with worse consequences. I found some who had, in their times, been officers of some church or other, without Bibles.

“ There is still much to be done in this county, and it is earnestly hoped that the friends of the Bible cause will exert themselves to give a wider diffusion to the Word of Life.”

TIOGA COUNTY.

Tioga County Bible Society.—“ Officers:—President, R. G. White, Esq. ; Secretary, Rev. Mr. Nichols ; Treasurer, Rev. J. F. Calkins.

“ Received for books, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
“ Donated,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 00

“ Our county was explored three years ago, and the destitute, being nearly one-fifth of the families, very generally supplied. Our object now is to keep a depository of Bibles in every important place in the county, and especially in this borough, the county-seat, and thus by selling them at cost, to acquaint the people with the Society, and prepare them for a hearty co-operation in the great object of our enterprise. Collections have been and will continue to be taken up in all our churches that co-operate with us, and this is the case with all our Methodist and Presbyterian churches. We have no doubt in being able the coming year to pay up your demand against us, (being now sixty dollars and fifty-five cents,) besides procuring another good supply of books for all our depositories.”

UNION COUNTY.

Union County Bible Society.—“ A meeting of the Union County Bible Society, was held in Emanuel's Church, New Berlin, on Monday the 29th November, 1847. Hon. Joseph Stilwell, President of the Society, took the chair at 2 o'clock, P. M.

“ Opened with prayer by the Rev. R. Weiser, of Selinsgrove.

“ Mr. Gingrich, one of the distributing committee of the Selinsgrove

Society, gave a statement of his operations. His labours had not extended farther than the town of Selinsgrove, in which there had not been found a single family destitute of the Bible.

"On motion of Rev. R. Weiser a committee of three was appointed to correspond with the Lewisburg Female Bible Society, about employing Mr. Smeck as agent for the whole county. Rev. Messrs. H. Harbaugh, R. Weiser, and E. Kieffer are said committee.

"The following preamble and resolution were then offered by the Rev. R. Weiser, and adopted :

"Whereas the Bible is the best and oldest book in the world, inculcates the soundest morality and the purest taste, gives the most correct history, and is calculated to exert a powerful influence on the youthful mind, therefore,

"Resolved, That we recommend its introduction as a class book, into all the primary schools of this county.

"On motion it was resolved that the proceedings be published in the Good Samaritan, and all other papers favourable to the cause.

"Closed with prayer by the Rev. E. Kieffer.

"A. SWINEFORD, *Secretary.*"

Report of the Selinsgrove Bible Society.—"After the formation of this Society, (which was April 7, 1847,) an order was sent to the agent of the Pennsylvania Bible Society for Bibles and Testaments. We received 30 English Bibles, 32 do. Testaments, and 20 German Bibles, 32 do. Testaments—amounting in all to \$33 05.

"I have delivered to the distributing Committee as follows: 8 German Bibles, 17 English do ; 3 German Testaments, and 6 English do. Sold myself 2 English and 1 German Testaments. For all which has been paid over and is now in the treasury \$17 06½—deduct 50 cents freight and it leaves \$16 56½.

"Forty-two names were given in as members of the Society, and who subscribed to the amount of \$33 62½.

"The distributing Committee having made no report, I cannot say whether any Bibles or Testaments were given gratuitously or not.

"J. G. L. SHINDEL,

"*Secretary and Treasurer.*"

Report of the Female Bible Society of the Borough of New Berlin.—

"The Society was organized on the 26th of October, 1847. Mrs. Margaret Slenker, was elected President; Miss Catharine Kessler, Vice President; Miss Sabilla Bogar, Secretary; Miss Susan Miller, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary A. Swineford, Miss Mary Houston, Miss Ann Miller, and Miss Margaret Stilwell, Board of Managers. A Committee was appointed by the Board of Managers to collect money, who explored the borough and raised \$15 23½, and found two families destitute of the Scriptures; these have been supplied. Bibles have been purchased to the amount of \$10 00.

"Amount sold: 2 German Bibles, 3 English do., and 3 New Testaments.

"Gratuitous distribution, one German Bible and two New Testaments.

"Amount remaining in the treasurer's hands, \$9 73."

Report of the Lewisburg Female Bible Society.—"This Society is enabled to report that the Bible cause, within the bounds of this district, is in a flourishing condition; and that gratifying progress has been made in the distribution of the word of God, among the destitute around our own doors, and in neighbourhoods where they were not supposed to exist. About one-third of the county is under our care, and our operations are embraced in this report from March 8, 1847, to March 8, 1848. This includes the 22 days already reported.

"The following tabular statement exhibits the statistics of the Society's operations.

District.	From March 8, 1847, to March 8, 1848.		
	No. of Families Visited.	No. of Families Destitute.	Amt. of Donations Received.
In Kelly township	124	15	\$16 50
" Buffalo	231	28	43 49
" West Buffalo	242	39	18 72
" East Buffalo	154	23	15 43
" Hartley	367	47	11 68
" White Deer	262	37	21 61
" Union (in part)	40	2	2 00
" Boro' of Mifflinburg	162	8	13 41
" Boro' of Lewisburg (in part)	249	19	9 51
Total,	1831	223	\$152 35

Book Account.

1. 911 Bibles, and 549 Testaments, have been sold for cash.
2. 100 Bibles, and 12 Testaments, have been sold on credit.
3. 63 Bibles, and 91 Testaments, given to destitute families and children.
4. Whole number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, 1726.
5. Amount (in value,) of Bibles and Testaments on hand, \$73 67.
6. Whole cost of Bibles and Testaments bought in Philada., \$1044 55.

Our agent says in his report—"A good many families who bought Bibles on credit, had no Bible in the house, but felt willing to buy one or more, and pay for them as soon as they could; but some of them are poor, and will never be able to pay. I think it, however, best to sell, even to the poorest. I think they will prize it higher, and perhaps read it more. I have generally found the poor more willing to buy, and pay as soon as they can, than to take one for nothing.

"I have often been told by persons that they did not believe there was a family to be found in their neighbourhood, who had not a Bible in the house. But strange, and yet true, I have in one morning called on seven families in the same neighbourhood, and found *six* destitute of the Bible; and one or two had no books of any kind in the house. One very stormy, snowy day, with the worst roads I ever travelled, I found in eighteen fami-

lies, *nine* who had no Bible. In a certain neighbourhood I not only found church members without the Bible, but also church officers! Yes, even one Superintendent of a Sabbath School!

"I have met with great encouragement in finding those who had no Bible willing to receive one, and those who were poorly supplied, happy of the opportunity of so cheaply purchasing a number more. I have supplied almost every family, and have every reason to believe that many will be read with great interest. My prayer to God is, that the Bibles I have distributed for this Society may be like bread cast upon the waters, which shall be found after many days. In view of the moral destitution which prevails in our county, every pious heart, and every well-wisher of man, should mourn that this noble cause is not better patronised by those who already enjoy so many distinguished privileges from the Bible and its institutions."

"As our field of operations has been thoroughly explored, the services of our excellent agent, Mr. D. L. Schmeck, will be transferred to the County Society, together with the supply of books we have on hand.

"Our first anniversary was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in September last. Reports were read, and impressive and eloquent addresses were delivered by Rev. Wm. Mills, and Rev. P. B. Marr. The proceedings were listened to with much interest by a large audience, and we trust a salutary impression was left upon their minds.

"An election was held at the annual meeting, and the following officers chosen for the present year: President, Mrs. H. Hood; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Marr, Mrs. Harbaugh;* Treasurer, Miss M. McLaughlin; Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Armstrong; and a Board of Managers.

"We shall maintain our organization, and will continue to aid the cause, and the operations of the County and Parent Societies, to the extent of our means and influence.

"Lewisburg, April 14, 1848."

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

"*The Washington County Bible Society*, in presenting its seventh annual report, have nothing worthy of special notice except the returns of our agent. He has since the commencement of his operations gone through about seventeen townships; in these were found 272 destitute families, which were supplied gratuitously, with 179 Bibles and 232 Testaments, at a cost of \$79 55. He also sold at the same time, 948 Bibles and 2588 Testaments for \$1117 25, and received in donations \$861 00. Total receipts \$1978 25.

"Surely we have reason to thank God and take courage. The plan of operation by the *agency*, has thus far succeeded beyond our highest ex-

* Since dead.

pectations. And judging from what has been done, we have reason to believe that the result will be, not only a more thorough exploration and supply of the destitute, and a more extensive circulation of Bibles and Testaments *by sale*, than could have been realized in any other way, but will leave in the treasury after all expenses are paid, several hundred dollars to be disposed of as may be deemed most expedient, by the Society. And the fact is highly gratifying that the effort to supply our own poor, will itself thus create sufficient funds, not only to cover the cost of gratuitous distribution, but furnish the means to aid others more needy than ourselves. And it seems to speak to us like an approving Providence, saying, Go on and prosper. When we have supplied all the *families*, it will be worthy of our serious consideration whether we ought not to attempt to supply *every individual who can read*, with a Testament, by sale if they will purchase, if not, by donation. If we have any funds to spare, the Pennsylvania Bible Society to which we are auxiliary, will need them all. It has been in operation nearly forty years, during which time it has been steadily enlarging the sphere of its usefulness.

"The American Bible Society, and the British and Foreign Bible Society, are pushing forward in the good work with increasing zeal, and scattering abroad the Word of Life far and wide. The American and English nation have, among all their honours, none brighter than these noble institutions; they of themselves, are sufficient to make illustrious the age which gave them birth. May God prosper them a thousand, and a thousand fold.

"Although Bibles have been multiplied tenfold more rapidly since the commencement of the present century than any previous period, yet even at this rate it will take centuries to reach the eight hundred millions of our lost race. And unless much more is done, generation after generation will go down to the grave in darkness for centuries yet to come."

"*The Female Bible Society of Washington* had their annual meeting on the first Monday of January. They re-elected the old officers, to wit: Mrs. Thomas M'Kennan, President; Mrs. David M'Conaughy, Vice President; and Rachel Henderson, Secretary.

"I send you \$38, the amount of the collections as far as have been made for the year 1847. One of the collectors has not yet finished her district; as soon as she gets through and pays over the money, I will send it to you.

"They voted to make Miss Harriet Preble and Mrs. J. B. Pinney, life members."

The Annual Report of the Female Bible Society of Canonsburg.—"In making our report this year, we feel grateful that we are enabled to present a much more gratifying one than what we have formerly done.

"Agreeably to a resolution passed at our last meeting, Mr. A. F. Stevenson was engaged to visit our Borough, which was done the week previous

to our annual meeting, which takes place 2d Tuesday of February. A very able and interesting address was delivered on the occasion, by the Rev. John Ekin.

"Families were all visited; destitute none; sold 22 Bibles and 23 Testaments; distributed 3 Bibles and 3 Testaments; gave one Bible to a Catholic pedlar, who anxiously and thankfully received it.

"The following persons were constituted life members:—By the students of Jefferson College, Rev. H. Snyder, and Prof. S. Williams; by the students of the Associate Theological Seminary, Rev. A. Anderson, D. D.; by the young ladies of the Female Seminary, Mrs. Jane French, their principal; by the Associate Reformed congregation, Rev. John Ekin; by the Managers of the Female Bible Society, Mrs. M. B. Smith.

"Amount received, \$185 43. For Bibles sold, \$16 78. For Testaments sold, \$1 16. Total amount, \$206 37.

"We feel encouraged to go on in this good cause, and may our sympathies, our energies, our means, and above all, our sincere prayers, centre upon this all-important work, the dissemination of the *truth*—the Word of God being light, life, and truth.

"The managers elected for the ensuing year, are as follows —Mrs. M. B. Smith, President; Mrs. E. Beveridge, Mrs. S. Chichering, Vice Presidents; Mrs. Walker, Treasurer; Mrs. A. D. Herriott, Cor. Sec'y; Mrs. M'Dowell, Mrs. A. B. Brown, Miss N. Cummings, Miss M'Connell, Miss S. J. Winters."

WAYNE COUNTY.

"Since our last anniversary something has been done, but not as much as might be desired, or as the wants seem to demand. During the past year there have been visited, the townships of Sterling, Salem, Canaan, Clinton, and so much of Mount Pleasant township as lies south of the Newburg turnpike. The previous year, the townships of Scott, Preston, Bushingham, Manchester, and those parts of Damascus, Lebanon, and Mount Pleasant, which lie north of the Newburg turnpike, were explored and the destitute supplied: so that after the operations of the two past years, there still remains to be examined the townships of Dybury, Oregon, Texas, Berlin, Cherry-Ridge, Palmyra, and portions of Lebanon and Damascus. Out of 576 families visited during the past year, but 20 were found destitute. The result of the previous year's operations told us that out of 617 families, 100 were found without a copy of the Scriptures. The small number found destitute during the past year in those parts of the county to which our operations were confined, is owing doubtless to the fact that there are local Societies in some of the townships visited, which have undertaken and completed the work, and have left us scarcely anything to do, save to commend the energy with which they have worked. A most interesting part of the county remains to be visited, and from what we know of the charac-

ter of its inhabitants, we have reason to apprehend that when this part is explored many destitute families will be found. And this apprehension leads us to hope, that during the next year the Executive Committee will be enabled to complete the work, so that when our next anniversary arrives, we may be able to say, that every family in this county has been visited, and that every want has been supplied.

"The Executive Committee employed two young men and furnished them with Bibles, and employed them to carry into effect the objects of this Society. They soon commenced operations, and from what we have learned, we have reason to believe, that the work was well performed. Of their labours they thus briefly speak:—'Of the 576 families visited by us, we found but 20 families destitute of the Scriptures. In many instances we supplied families whose copy or copies of the Bible had been worn out by long and not careful usage. We found an unwillingness on the part of the Catholics generally to receive the Bible, though we succeeded in leaving several copies among them. In neighbourhoods where we found flourishing Sabbath Schools, there was always a demand for Bibles and Testaments. We have disposed of 57 Bibles and 137 Testaments; of these, 12 Bibles and 30 Testaments, were grants made in cases of destitution.'

"During the past year there have been issued from the depository by sale or gratuitous distribution, including those issued by the distributors, 66 Bibles and 249 Testaments. It is true, the field that we have tilled is small, the numbers far from imposing, yet if the seed thus sown bring forth one soul yielding the peaceable fruits of righteousness, we shall have our reward.

"By order of the Executive Committee.

"Officers:—President, Oliver Hamlin, Esq.; Vice Presidents, Rev. R. Cooke, Rev. E. Mendenhall; Recording Secretary, Z. W. Arnold, Esq.; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. O. Evans Shannon; Treasurer, Stephen Torrey, Esq.

"Managers:—Rev. H. A. Rowland, Rev. Abel Barker, Rev. O. Evans Shannon, Otis Avery, J. B. Walton, T. H. R. Tracy, J. P. Foster."

WYOMING COUNTY.

We can but say to the Parent Society, that the Wyoming County Bible Society, has resolved to explore this county, and endeavour to supply the destitute with the Bible; we have not yet, however, got fairly into the work.

MARSHALL COUNTY, TENN.

"DEAR SIR,

"At the last Annual Meeting, resolves were passed to resupply both counties in the current year. For that purpose 400 common Bibles were ordered and have been received some months back, and agents were sent out in each district to investigate and supply according to the lack of Bibles

discovered. Some of the agents have performed their work of investigation, and found the destitution greater than the number of books we could furnish. On this fact being discovered I wrote immediately for 150 Bibles additional, which you were kind enough to forward promptly. On their arrival, our agents will have to explore the balance and finish the work. In this exploration, we have made discoveries that were not anticipated. Four years ago, the same ground in both counties was explored and near 700 Bibles distributed. To find a destitution of between 500 and 600 was a very unpleasant discovery. It may be accounted for in a good degree by the fluctuating state of society in our region. Many remove, and others without Bibles succeed them. In addition, many new families spring up among us who need the same attention. As soon as practicable, after our anniversary, you shall hear from us. Then we hope we will be able to remunerate the Pennsylvania Bible Society for its kindness in furnishing us Bibles with which to supply all the destitute in our circle of operation, and would be willing according to our ability and opportunity, to aid in sending the word of life to the Heathen. We have been engaged in this good work since 1815, meeting on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in May, and on that day in every year have met and done more or less.

“Yours,

THOS. J. HALL.”

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The operations of this Society have been carried on during the past year with increasing energy and zeal.

Receipts.—These from all sources amount to \$254,377 18, the largest amount ever received in one year, and an increase over those of the previous year of \$49,308 95.

Books Printed.—English Bibles, 230,000, and Testaments, 372,000; German Bibles, 16,000, and Testaments, 24,000; Portuguese Bibles, 1,000 copies, and English Pica Testaments and Psalms, 16,000—total, 760,000 copies.

The Board have now determined to do their own binding, as they do their own printing, and not by contract with an individual as heretofore.

There has been imported in the course of the year 2,690 Bibles and Testaments in various tongues, to meet the wants of our miscellaneous population. Besides new English Bibles and Testaments, they are preparing plates for a German and English Testament in parallel columns, for immigrants, and are contemplating a similar one in Dutch and English.

Books Issued.—The total issues of the year amount to 655,066 Bibles and Testaments, being an increase of 28,196 over those of the previous year, and an aggregate since the organization of the Society in 1816 of 5,780,095. These books have been scattered in every state and territory of the Union, and in nearly twenty foreign countries.

Grants to Benevolent Societies.—To the American Bethel Society have been granted on request 600 Bibles and Testaments, for the use of boatmen on the canals and lakes.

To the American Seamen's Friend Society for distribution by their chaplains at Mobile, Havana, Valparaiso, Lahaina, Honolulu, and China, have been granted 2,121 Bibles and Testaments in various tongues.

To the Foreign Evangelical Society have been granted for their missionaries at Hayti, Valparaiso, and Marseilles, 558 copies, mostly in foreign tongues, French, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese.

To the American Protestant Society for distribution by their missionaries and agents, have been granted at different times in the course of the year, 656 copies in French, German, Irish, &c.

To the Swiss Mission in Canada, 300 Bibles and Testaments.

To the American Home Missionary Society for the Western States and Oregon, 850 in English, German, French, and Spanish.

To the American Sunday School Union, 3,650 Bibles and Testaments, 150 of them in Welsh.

To the American Tract Society 3,000 Bibles, and 4,502 Testaments, for places where there are no auxiliaries, or where they fail of doing their duty in supplying their destitute.

Supply of the Army.—Various grants for this purpose have been made through the auxiliaries, particularly those at New Orleans and Texas. A special agent, Rev. Mr. Norris, has been sent to Mexico with nearly 4,000 copies, for soldiers and native Mexicans, wherever they can be reached. As his labours have but just commenced, there is yet little in the way of results.

Grants of Money.—To the American Missionaries at Constantinople, towards publishing a second edition of the Hebrew-Spanish Old Testament, have been paid \$5000, the former edition being exhausted, and other copies urgently called for. An edition of the Hebrew-German is in course of translation at the same station; also an edition of the modern Armenian. The expense of these editions the Board are engaged to see paid.

For publishing the Tamil Scriptures at Ceylon, India, have been granted and paid \$1000.

To the Presbyterian Board for Foreign Missions have been granted and paid in the past year \$2000, towards the publication of the Urdu, the Punjabi, and the Hindi Scriptures, in Northern India.

To the Foreign Evangelical Society, have been paid \$500 towards the printing of the Scriptures at Geneva, for southern France and Italy.

To the French and Foreign Bible Society have been appropriated \$2000, the half of which has been paid, and the other half is to be forwarded next month. The calls from France of late are so peculiar and so urgent, that the Board hope some liberal and efficient measures will be adopted to enlarge the amount of grants to that interesting field.

At the late Anniversary of the American Bible Society, the following important resolution was adopted :

“As there have been repeated and urgent calls from the French and Foreign Bible Society the past year, and particularly since the late revolution, for means to prepare and circulate the Scriptures in France,—

“*Resolved*, That it is the clear and palpable duty of this Society to listen to those calls, and to meet them liberally and promptly; and that the Managers be therefore advised to raise and remit for that object during the coming year, with the co-operation of the local Societies, the sum of \$10,000, and a like sum for the succeeding year.”

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The receipts of the Society for the year ending May, 1848, were \$432,702 62; the expenditures, \$504,206 16.

The issues of Bibles and Testaments for the same period were 1,124,067. The grand total of Bibles and Testaments issued by the Society since its formation, is 20,865,837 copies.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits his accounts for the last year, to the Managers of the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

Cash received during the year, commencing May,
1847, and ending May 1st, 1848:

“	Life-memberships - - - -	\$959 38
“	Yearly subscriptions - - - -	9 00
“	Deferred interest on Lehigh Loan -	782 77
“	Books sold at Rooms to the Philadelphia Bible Society and to the Female Bible Society of Philada. -	3,535 60
“	Foreign distribution - - - -	40 00
“	Legacy and dividend on old debt -	195 08
“	Donations and appropriations - -	2,901 24
“	Auxiliary Societies and agents -	12,815 89
“	Balance from last year - - - -	10 52
		<hr/> \$21,249 48

Cash paid during the same time :

“	To American Bible Society, - -	\$17,725 50
“	For salaries, travelling expenses, freights, rents, and incidental expenses, premium on drafts and discounts. - - - -	3,465 52
		<hr/> \$21,190 82

Balance on hand - \$58 66

Amount due the American Bible Society, \$1418 42

JOHN W. CLAGHORN, *Treasurer*.

Philadelphia, May 1. 1848.

AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETIES.

NAMES OF AUXILIARIES.	Received for Bibles, &c., the 40th year.	Donations the 40th year.	PRESIDENTS.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.
<i>Adams County.</i>	.....	\$ 82 00	Prof. M. L. Stoever.....	J. G. Butler.....	P. Born.
<i>Penn. Col. and Theol. Seminary</i>	\$100 00	....	Mrs. Watson.....	Mrs. E. Keech.....	Mrs. Susan Fahnestock.
<i>Gettysburg Female.....</i>					
<i>Allegheny County</i>					
<i>Pittsburg, Young Men's.....</i>	760 00	....	R. E. Sellers.....	J. W. Buchanan.....	James M. Browne.
<i>Pittsburg, Female.....</i>	36 08	323 89	Mrs. H. Denny.....	Mrs. W. P. Jones.....	Mrs. R. Patterson.
<i>Pittsburg, Young Ladies.....</i>	5 69	120 00	Mrs. Green.....	Miss M. B. Hogg.....	Miss H. B. Laughlin.
<i>Wilkinsburg.....</i>	32 00				
<i>Allegheny City.....</i>	1075 68	137 42	Rev. A. W. Black.....	John Irwin, Jr.....	Wm. M. Bell.
<i>Sewickley.....</i>		....	Rev. E. D. Nevin.....	John B. Champ.....	J. M. Cook.
<i>Armstrong County.....</i>	42 00	....	Gen. Robert Orr.....	Rev. J. K. Riddle.....	Alexander Colwell.
<i>Beaver County.....</i>	8 31	....		
<i>Hookstown and vicinity.....</i>	58 00	....	Joseph McCready.....	S. H. Jeffery.....	Matthew Glass.
<i>Bedford County.....</i>		....	Rev. R. Weiser.....		John Mower, Esq.
<i>Berks County.....</i>		....		
<i>Reading, Young Men's.....</i>	106 25	....	Hon. Wm. Strong.....	L. W. Ringler.....	D. Luther, M. D.
<i>Reading Female.....</i>		....	Mrs. Banks.....	Mrs. C. E. Nagle.....	Mrs. N. V. Taffnerio.
<i>Blair County.....</i>					
<i>Hollidaysburg.....</i>	35 33	27 80	Jer. Cunningham.....	Robert Williams.....	William Nelson.
<i>Bradford County.....</i>	56 84	....	Enos Toukins.....	Rev. Julius Foster.....	N. N. Betts, Esq.
<i>Athens.....</i>	45 20	....			Mr. Perkins.
<i>Bucks County.....</i>	551 06	....	Rev. John Magoffin.....	Rev. S. M. Andrews.....	Rev. R. D. Morris.
<i>Butler County.....</i>	18 84	....	Rev. Loyal Young.....	Hon. John Bredin.....	Wm. Campbell, Jr.
<i>Cambria County.....</i>	50 50	....	Rev. G. Roberts.....	H. Kinkead.....	John Williams.
<i>Carbon County.....</i>	30 60	....	Hon. Asa Paetker.....	Rev. R. Webster.....	Thos. Patterson.
<i>Centre County.....</i>		....	James Armor.....	Rev. James Linn.....	John G. Lowry, Esq.
<i>Bellefonte.....</i>		....		
<i>Harris Township.....</i>		....		George Boal, Esq.	
<i>Chester County.....</i>		....	Rev. Levi Bull, D. D.....	R. Frazer Smith, Esq.....	Wm. Williamson, Esq.
<i>Clarion County.....</i>		....	Rev. James Montgomery.....	Thomas Sutton.....	H. A. Thompson.
<i>Clearfield County.....</i>	C23 00	....	A. B. Reed.....	Rev. Peter Lane.....	G. P. Gulich.

NAMES OF AUXILIARIES.	Received for Bibles, &c., the 40th year	Donations the 40th year.	PRESIDENTS.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.
<i>Clinton County</i>	\$59 00	Hon. Geo. Crawford	Rev. S. C. Hepburn	John Jones.
<i>Columbia County</i>	70 31	Rev. J. W. Yeomans, D.D.	T. Wood	M. C. Grier.
<i>Danville</i>	15 87	A. Montgomery, Esq.	W. H. Magill	Mr. Pinney.
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